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INTRODUCTION

The Alaska game law (act of January 13, 1925, 43 Stat. 739—United States Code, title 48, secs. 192–211; as amended by act of February 14, 1931, Public No. 664, 71st Cong.) and the regulations thereunder supersede all previous Federal laws and regulations for the protection of game animals, land fur-bearing animals, and birds in the Territory, except the migratory-bird treaty act of July 3, 1918 (40 Stat. 755—United States Code, title 18, secs. 703–711), the Lacey Act of May 25, 1900, as amended (31 Stat. 187–188—United States Code, title 16, sec. 701; 35 Stat. 1137—United States Code, title 18, secs. 391–395), and the laws protecting animals and birds on Federal reservations (United States Code, title 18, sec. 145, and United States Code, Supp. IV, title 16, sec. 715i), and the regulations thereunder.

During the past year changes have been made in the Alaska game law and in the regulations thereunder. A brief summary of the

changes that are concerned with enforcement of the law is here presented.

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE GAME LAW

The definitions of game animals and game birds in section 2 of the act are broadened to include animals and birds not native to the Territory that may be introduced for restocking purposes.

Section 3 is amended to clarify a resident's privileges by requiring that a person in all other respects entitled thereto shall have been domiciled in the Territory for the purpose of making his permanent home therein for not less than one year immediately preceding his claim for such privileges.

The scope of authority of game wardens and other officers authorized to enforce the provisions of the act, as defined in section 5, has been clarified with regard to the search of vessels and broadened in respect to search without a warrant.

Section 8 is amended to permit the promulgation of the regulation to define more clearly the ownership of game or fur animals escaping from captivity.

Having no well-defined meaning, the term "commercial mess house" has been stricken from section 10. This section has also been amended to extend protection to Government property used in the enforcement of the act.

To permit residents of the Territory to ship trophies as gifts, subdivision B of section 11 has been amended. Permits under this new provision may be issued in the discretion of the Alaska Game Commission. The provisions of this subdivision have been broadened also to permit residents to ship trophies legally acquired instead of being limited as heretofore to animals that they have legally killed.

Under the provisions of subdivision C of section 11, the Alaska Game Commission is authorized, whenever it shall be deemed expedient, to require residents of the Territory to procure resident hunting licenses. This requirement has not heretofore been put into effect, for the reason that the fee prescribed for such license was \$2, which was in addition to a like fee for a resident trapping license. An amendment to this section reduces the fee for a resident hunting license from \$2 to \$1 and provides that a person holding a resident trapping license shall be entitled to hunt without a hunting license.

Subdivision F of section 11 has been completely revised to define more definitely the reports required under the various licenses, and the manner of keeping and inspecting the records of fur dealers.

To define more clearly the kinds of licenses required by persons desiring to purchase furs in the Territory, and to adjust the fees charged to a more equitable basis, subdivision H of section 11 is amended to include a revised license schedule. This section is also amended to exempt from the payment of license fees those cooperative stores operated exclusively by and for native Indians, Eskimos, or half-breeds, and those operated by missions for the same purpose. Such stores, however, are required to keep the same kind of records and make the same kind of reports as those that are duly licensed; they are also subject to the penalty provisions of the act for failure to comply with these requirements.



Subdivision I of section 11 is amended to authorize postmasters and customs officers to administer oaths to applicants for licenses. The schedule of license fees is also amended in respect to resident shipping and return licenses, and to resident export permits.

Section 13 of the act is amended to permit the Alaska Game Commission to dispose of seized articles that have been voluntarily released to the United States.

The penalty provision in section 15 is revised to provide for the forfeiture of licenses of persons convicted of violations.

An entirely new section has been substituted for section 16 of the act to authorize the administration of oaths for purposes of prosecution by officers, agents, and employees of the Department of Agriculture and the Alaska Game Commission.

#### THE NEW REGULATIONS

The regulations for the season 1931-32 contain the following provisions that modify the regulations heretofore in effect:

Regulation 3 has been revised to limit the shipment of trophies by a nonresident to express and freight only, and provides that affidavit of the nonresident shall accompany the bill of lading covering such shipment. This regulation is also changed in respect to the shipment of trophies by a resident for mounting and return, when removing residence and when shipped as gifts, to conform to the amended act.

To extend protection to large brown bears, two additional areas are described under regulation 10, specifying definite open seasons on these animals, and by an amendment to regulation 11 bag limits in these areas are prescribed.

Regulations 12 and 13 have been changed to conform to the provisions of the migratory-bird treaty act regulations prohibiting the taking of Ross's and cackling geese and reducing the bag limit on brant.

Under regulation 14 the Keystone Canyon closed area is extended for 4 miles along the Richardson Highway, and will now run from milepost 13 to milepost 20 (from Valdez).

A complete revision has been made of regulation 17, to describe specifically the eight new fur districts that replace the three districts heretofore established. The boundaries of the new districts follow so far as possible such natural barriers as influence the climatic conditions that become factors in the priming of skins.

Regulation 18 includes a new provision regulating the manner in which fur farmers may attempt to recapture escaped animals. An additional provision also has been made to require, for the protection of land fur-bearing animals, the screening of "blackfish traps," commonly in use near the Bering Sea coast.

With the establishment of the eight new fur districts, regulation 19 has been completely revised to provide open seasons in these areas. In addition to changes in dates of open seasons in conformity with redistricting, the seasons on beaver and marten have been closed throughout the Territory.

Changes required by the recent amendments to the law affect regulation 1, revising the definition of game animals and birds to include introduced species; and regulation 7, eliminating the term "commercial mess house."



# REGULATIONS RESPECTING GAME ANIMALS, LAND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS, GAME BIRDS, NONGAME BIRDS, AND NESTS AND EGGS OF BIRDS IN ALASKA

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Pursuant to the authority and direction contained in section 10 of the Alaska game law of January 13, 1925 (43 Stat. 739; United States Code, title 48, sec. 198), as amended by act of February 14, 1931 (Public No. 664, 71st Cong.), upon consultation with and/or recommendation from the Alaska Game Commission, and having determined when, to what extent, and by what means game animals, land fur-bearing animals, game birds, nongame birds, and nests and eggs of birds may be taken, possessed, transported, bought, or sold in Alaska, I, Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby adopt the following regulations as suitable regulations permitting and governing the same, to be effective 90 days after the date of publication hereof:

## REGULATION 1.—DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these regulations the following shall be construed, respectively, to mean:

*Secretary.*—The Secretary of Agriculture of the United States.

*Commission.*—The Alaska Game Commission.

*Territory.*—The Territory of Alaska.

*Summit of Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains.*<sup>1</sup>—A continuous irregular line extending from the international boundary to Cape Newenham, following the divide separating the upper Yukon and the Tanana River drainage from the streams flowing into the Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, and Cook Inlet; thence along the main Alaska Range following the divide between the streams flowing into the Tanana and Kuskokwim Rivers and those flowing into Cook Inlet; thence southwesterly to Cape Newenham following the divide separating the streams flowing into the Kuskokwim River and Kuskokwim Bay from those flowing into Cook Inlet and Bristol Bay.

*Person.*—The plural or the singular as the case demands, including individuals, associations, partnerships, and corporations, unless the context otherwise requires.

*Take.*—To take, pursue, disturb, hunt, capture, trap, or kill, or to attempt to take, pursue, disturb, hunt, capture, trap, or kill game animals, land fur-bearing animals, game or nongame birds, or setting or using a net, trap, or other device for taking them, or collecting the nests or eggs of such birds.

*Open season.*—The time during which birds or animals may lawfully be taken. Each period of time prescribed as an open season shall be construed to include the first and last days thereof.

*Close season.*—The time during which birds and animals may not be taken.

*Transport.*—To ship, transport, carry, import, export, or receive or to deliver for shipment, transportation, carriage, or export unless the context otherwise requires.

*Game animals.*—Deer, moose, caribou, elk, mountain sheep, mountain goat, large brown and grizzly bears, and such other animals as have been or may hereafter be introduced, including buffalo (bison), which shall be known as big game.

*Land fur-bearing animals.*—Beaver, muskrat, marmot, ground squirrel (spermophile), fisher, foxes, lynx, marten or sable, mink, weasel or ermine, land otter, wolverene, polar bear, and black bear, including its brown and blue (or glacier bear) color variations.

*Game birds.*—Migratory waterfowl, commonly known as ducks, geese, brant, and swans; shore birds, commonly known as plovers, sandpipers, snipe, and curlew; little brown crane; the several species of grouse and ptarmigan; and

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<sup>1</sup> See map at end of this publication.



such other birds as have been or may hereafter be introduced, including Chinese or ring-necked pheasants, which shall be known as small game.

*Nongame birds.*—All wild birds except game birds.

#### REGULATION 2.—LICENSES OF HUNTERS, TRAPPERS, AND GUIDES

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to permit a person to take animals or birds or to act as a guide in the Territory unless he shall be in possession of a valid license, bearing his signature written in ink on the face thereof, if he is required by the Alaska game law or regulations thereunder to have a license to take animals or birds or to act as a guide, and he shall have his license on his person when taking animals or birds or acting as a guide, and shall produce it for inspection by any game warden or other person requesting to see it.

Each application for a license required under the Alaska game law shall be made on the form prescribed by the commission and obtained from a person authorized to issue licenses, and if the application is made by mail it shall be accompanied by a draft on a Juneau bank or an express or postal money order payable to the commission for the amount of the license fee.

#### REGULATION 3.—POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION OF GAME ANIMALS AND GAME BIRDS

Game animals (except live animals) in numbers not exceeding the maximum seasonal limits prescribed by regulation 11, the hides, heads, and feet of game animals, articles made from such hides, heads, or feet, grouse and ptarmigan, and the skins and feathers of game birds, legally taken during the open season, may be possessed and transported at any time within the Territory by any person.

Any person may without a license possess and transport at any time within or out of the Territory the shed antlers of caribou, moose, and deer.

Any person may transport within the Territory during the period constituting the open season therefor migratory game birds legally taken during the open season, and any such migratory game birds or parts thereof in transit during the open season may continue in transit for such additional time immediately succeeding such open season not to exceed five days, as may be necessary to deliver the same to their destination and may be possessed within the Territory during the period constituting the open season and for an additional period of 10 days next succeeding such open season, but no person shall possess more than 50 migratory waterfowl in the aggregate, but including not more than 30 ducks and 8 geese and brant of all kinds, at any one time.

A nonresident may possess and transport at any time within or out of the Territory the skins and feathers of game birds and any article manufactured from the hides or hoofs of caribou, deer, or mountain goats, legally taken.

A nonresident citizen who is the holder of a valid game license, or a nonresident alien who is the holder of an alien special license, may possess and transport at any time within or out of the Territory 1 moose, 3 deer, 2 caribou, excepting if such caribou are from the Alaska Peninsula as particularly described in regulation 11, then only 1, 2 mountain sheep, 2 mountain goats, and 2 in the aggregate of large brown and grizzly bears, or any parts of such animals, but no more of any one kind legally taken by him; but before any big-game animal or part thereof shall be transported out of the Territory, the person desiring to make a shipment shall first make and deliver to the transportation agent at the point of shipment, his affidavit to the effect that he has not violated any of the provisions of the Alaska game law or the regulations thereunder; that the big-game animal or part thereof which he desires to ship has not been purchased or sold and is not being shipped for the purpose of being sold, and that he lawfully killed the animal and is the owner of it or the part thereof which he desires to ship; and if the shipment consists of a caribou or part thereof, the statement must show in the case of caribou whether the animal was killed on the Alaska Peninsula or elsewhere in the Territory. Such affidavit or affidavits shall accompany the express or freight bills of lading to the port of clearance, there to be taken up by the collector of the port; collectors of customs at ports of clearance shall promptly transmit such affidavits to the commission.

A resident may export by express, freight, or parcel post, for mounting and return to the Territory within one year, but not for sale, any game animals,



birds, or parts thereof that have been legally acquired by him upon first procuring a resident export license, which license shall accompany the bill of lading when shipment is made by freight or express, and if made by parcel post, the license shall be attached securely to the outside of the package in a conspicuous place. On the return of the trophies to the consignor by express or freight, the export license shall accompany the bill of lading, but if returned by parcel post, the export license shall be attached securely to the outside of the package in a conspicuous place, and the collector of customs at the port of entry, or the postmaster through whose office it is received, shall detach the export license, note thereon the contents of the shipment, and promptly return the license to the commission.

In the discretion of the commission permits may be issued to residents of the Territory for the export of legally acquired game animals, birds, or parts thereof, for purposes other than sale. Such permits may be obtained from any member of the commission, game warden, or collector of customs. Such animals, birds, or parts thereof may be shipped by express or freight, and the permit shall accompany the bill of lading covering any such shipment to the port of clearance from the Territory, where such permit shall be taken up by the collector of customs and returned to the commission.

#### **REGULATION 4.—POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION OF FUR-BEARING ANIMALS**

Live land fur-bearing animals legally taken during an open season may be retained after the close of said open season or sold for propagation purposes within the Territory, provided that persons possessing such animals report their possession to the Alaska Game Commission at Juneau and apply for a permit to possess such animals pursuant to regulations 22 hereof within 30 days after the close of said open season.

The skins of land fur-bearing animals for which an open season is provided, or parts thereof, when legally acquired, may be possessed and transported by any person at any time, but no person who is engaged in fur farming or is a fur dealer or an agent of a fur dealer shall possess or transport any fur-bearing animal or part thereof unless at the time of such possession or transportation he is in possession of a valid license issued to him pursuant to the provisions of the Alaska game law, and no person shall possess or transport any unprime skin at any time. In case shipment is made by express or freight, the shipper shall first deliver to the transportation agent at the point shipment is accepted, or if by parcel post to the postmaster at the point of mailing, a statement correctly showing the number and kind of skins in each shipment and stating further that no unprime skin is contained therein; and further, if shipment contains beaver or marten skins, the statement shall show serial number of the commission's seals attached to each skin. Transportation agents and postmasters shall not knowingly accept shipments containing furs without such statement. If shipment is made by express or freight, such statement shall accompany it to the port of clearance, there to be taken up by the collector of the port, or, if by parcel post, by the postmaster at the office where mailed. Collectors and postmasters shall promptly transmit such statements to the commission. In case skins or furs are shipped out of the Territory by means other than express, freight, or parcel post, the person transporting them shall first transmit by mail such a statement to the commission.

Skins of beavers or martens shall be sealed with a seal prescribed by the commission within 90 days after the close of the open season during which skins were legally taken or within 30 days after such skins are imported into the Territory. Persons desiring to have such skins sealed shall present them to a member of the commission, to a game warden, or to any person authorized by the commission to seal skins, together with such affidavit or affidavits of lawful taking or importation as may be required. Skins of beavers or martens unless sealed as prescribed by this regulation may not be possessed or transported by any person after the expiration of such period.

#### **REGULATION 5.—MARKING SHIPMENTS OF GAME ANIMALS, GAME BIRDS, LAND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS, OR PARTS THEREOF**

Each package in which game animals, game birds, land fur-bearing animals, or parts thereof are transported, shall have clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee and an accurate statement of the number of each kind of game animals, game



birds, land fur-bearing animals, or parts thereof, contained therein; and if the package contains skins of beavers or martens, the serial numbers of the commission's seals attached thereto shall also be similarly marked on the package.

**REGULATION 6.—SALE OF GAME ANIMALS AND GAME BIRDS IN CERTAIN PLACES, OF FUR-BEARING ANIMALS AND PARTS THEREOF, AND OF FEATHERS OF DUCKS AND GEESE**

Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to permit any person to sell any game animal, game bird, or part thereof, except as hereinafter provided.

Except as hereinafter provided in this regulation and in regulations 7, in that portion of Alaska north of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains a person who has legally killed caribou may sell the meat thereof, but no person to whom such meat is sold shall sell it otherwise than in cooked form.

Except as hereinafter provided in this regulation and in regulation 7, in that portion of Alaska south of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains a person who has legally killed caribou may sell the meat thereof, but no person to whom such meat is sold shall sell it otherwise than in cooked form and then only at road houses having a permit prescribed by the Secretary.

Except as hereinafter provided in this regulation and in regulation 7, in that portion of Alaska north of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains, a person who has legally killed moose and nonmigratory game birds may sell the meat thereof, but no person to whom such meat is sold shall sell it otherwise than in cooked form; provided, that such meats shall not be sold to or served by restaurants, road houses, or public or other eating houses within the area of 5 miles each side of the center line of the Alaska Railroad and its branches.

Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to permit the transportation to, or possession in, any other part of Alaska, of game meats sold under this regulation.

Any person may without a license buy and sell at any time in the Territory the feathers of wild ducks and wild geese, lawfully killed or seized and condemned by Federal game authorities, for use in making fishing flies, bed pillows, and mattresses, and for similar commercial purposes, but not for millinery or ornamental purposes; the hides or parts thereof of moose, caribou, deer, and mountain goats, legally taken during the open season; shed antlers of caribou, moose, and deer; and the skins and feathers of eagles, crows, hawks, owls, ravens, and cormorants.

A native-born resident Indian, Eskimo, or half-breed who has not severed his tribal relations by adopting a civilized mode of living or by exercising the right of franchise, and a hunter or trapper, may sell without a license the skins of fur-bearing animals which he has lawfully taken.

A person not engaged or employed in the business of trading in such skins may buy without a license the skins of fur-bearing animals for his own use, but he may not sell them.

Any other person who is in possession of a valid license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Alaska game law authorizing him so to do may buy and sell the skins of fur-bearing animals at any time, but each such person shall have his license with him when buying or selling skins, except that a person buying or selling skins at an established place shall have his license posted conspicuously on the premises, and each such licensee shall produce his license for inspection by any game warden or other person requesting to see it.

**REGULATION 7.—SERVING GAME IN MESS HOUSES, BOATS, AND DINING CARS**

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to permit any person to sell any game animal, game bird, or part thereof to the owner, master, or employee of any coastal or river steamer or commercial power or sail boat, or for any such owner, master, or employee to buy any game animal, game bird, or part thereof; or to take or to possess for serving or to serve any game animal, game bird, or part thereof in any dining car, any mess house operated by a railroad, a contractor, or the owner of a cannery, or in any other place maintained for the serving of food regularly to employees of such railroad, contractor, or cannery; or to serve any game animal, game bird, or part thereof to an employee of any coastal or river steamer or commercial power or sail boat; nor shall the regulations be construed to permit any contractor or person operating a railroad, cannery, or coastal or river steamer or other commercial power or sail boat or any employee of any such contractor or person to possess any game animal, game bird, or part thereof in a dining car, a mess house, or the galley or dining room of any such boat.



**REGULATION 8.—TAKING OF GAME BY PROSPECTORS, TRAVELERS, AND CERTAIN INDIANS WHEN IN NEED OF FOOD**

An Indian, Eskimo, or half-breed who has not severed his tribal relations by adopting a civilized mode of living or by exercising the right of franchise and an explorer, prospector, or traveler may take animals or birds in any part of the Territory at any time for food when in absolute need of food and other food is not available, but he shall not ship or sell any animal or bird or part thereof so taken.

**REGULATION 9.—METHODS OF TAKING GAME ANIMALS AND GAME BIRDS**

*Except in areas enumerated and defined as closed to hunting under regulation 14 and as otherwise specifically permitted by regulations 22 and 23, game animals and game birds may be taken during the open season in the numbers mentioned in regulations 11 and 13 with a bow and arrow, spear, pistol, rifle, or gun not larger than No. 10 gauge, by the use of decoys, and from a blind or floating device (other than an airplane, steam or power launch, or any other boat than one propelled by paddle, oars, or pole); but no person shall take any game animal or game bird with the aid or use of a set gun of any description, a pit, deadfall, fire, jack light, searchlight, or other artificial light, or any game animal with the aid or use of a dog, or while swimming.*

**REGULATION 10.—OPEN SEASONS ON CERTAIN GAME ANIMALS**

*Except in areas enumerated and defined as closed to hunting under regulation 14, game animals may be taken during the following open seasons:*

*Bull moose* (except yearlings and calves).—September 1 to December 31.

*Caribou*-----{ North of the Yukon River, no close season.  
                              { South of the Yukon River, August 20 to December 31.

*Male deer* having horns not less than 3 inches in length above the top of the skull.—East of longitude 138° in southeastern Alaska, August 20 to November 15.

*Mountain sheep* (except females and lambs).—August 20 to December 31.

*Mountain goat* (except kids).—August 20 to December 31.

*Bear* (large brown and grizzly).—*For a resident*: No close season, except in the following described areas, where the open season shall be September 1 to June 20: (1) The drainage to the Gulf of Alaska from the west shore of Glacier Bay to the Alsek River; (2) the drainage to the Gulf of Alaska from the west shore of Yakutat Bay and the west edge of Hubbard Glacier to the Bering River; (3) the drainage to the west side of Cook Inlet between the west bank of the Susitna River to its confluence with the Yentna River, thence along the west bank of the Yentna River to its confluence with the Skwentna River, thence along the south bank of the Skwentna River to the summit of the Alaska Range, and the old portage from Kakhonak Bay on Iliamna Lake to Kamishak Bay; (4) all of the Alaska Peninsula south and west of the Kvichak River, Iliamna Lake, and the old portage from Kakhonak Bay to Kamishak Bay; (5) the following-named islands—Hawkins, Hinchinbrook, Montague, Yacobi, and Shuyak; (6) that portion of the north side of Kodiak Island draining into Shelikof Straits between Cape Ugat and Cape Ikolik, consisting of the drainages to Uyak Bay, and Karluk and Sturgeon Rivers; and (7) that portion of the west side of the Kenai Peninsula west of longitude 150° and the summit of the Kenai Mountains, consisting of the westerly drainage to Cook Inlet between the south banks of the Kenai River and Skilak Lake on the north and on the south by the divide separating the waters flowing north into Tustumena Lake from those flowing south into Fox River and westerly into Cook Inlet south of Cape Kasilof: *Provided*, That in these areas a resident may kill a large brown or grizzly bear at any time or place when such animal is about to attack or molest persons or property.

*For a nonresident*: September 1 to June 20.



## REGULATION 11.—BAG LIMITS ON CERTAIN GAME ANIMALS

A person may take during the open season prescribed therefor in regulation 10 and have in possession at any one time not to exceed the following numbers of game animals:

*Moose*.—One.

*Caribou*----- { All of Alaska, except Alaska Peninsula, resident 5, non-resident 2.  
Alaska Peninsula, south and west of the Kvichak River, Iliamna Lake, and the old portage from Kamishak Bay to Kakhonak Bay, by a resident, 2; by a nonresident, 1.

*Deer*.—Three.

*Mountain sheep*--- { By a nonresident throughout the Territory, 2.  
By a resident south of the Arctic Circle, 2; north of the Arctic Circle, 3.

*Mountain goat*.—Two.

*Bear (large brown and grizzly)*--- { By a nonresident throughout the Territory, 2 in the aggregate.  
By a resident, no limit except in those areas described in regulation 10 as (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7), where the limit shall be 2 in the aggregate.

The Secretary upon proper showing by the applicant will grant permission to persons located in that area described under regulation 6, where the sale and serving of game is permitted, to have in possession at one time an excess of the numbers of game animals permitted under this regulation. Application for such permission should be addressed to the Alaska Game Commission, Juneau, Alaska.

## REGULATION 12.—OPEN SEASONS ON CERTAIN GAME BIRDS

*Except in areas enumerated and defined as closed to hunting under regulation 14, game birds may be taken during the following open seasons:*

*Grouse and ptarmigan*.—September 1 to February 28.

*Duck (except eider duck), goose (except Ross's and cackling), brant, and Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe*.—September 1 to December 15.

## REGULATION 13.—DAILY BAG AND MAXIMUM POSSESSION LIMITS ON CERTAIN GAME BIRDS

A person may take in any one day during the open season prescribed therefor in regulation 12 not to exceed the following numbers of game birds, which numbers shall include any game birds taken by any other person who for hire accompanies or assists him in taking them:

*Grouse and ptarmigan*.—Grouse, 15 in the aggregate of all kinds; ptarmigan, 25 in the aggregate of all kinds; but not to exceed 25 in the aggregate of all kinds of grouse and ptarmigan.

*Duck, goose (except Ross's and cackling), and brant*.—Duck (except eider duck), 15 in the aggregate of all kinds; goose and brant, 4 in the aggregate of all kinds.

*Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe*.—Twenty.

A person may possess from the beginning of the open season to 10 days after the close of the open season migratory game birds legally taken, but not to exceed 50 in the aggregate of all kinds of migratory waterfowl, including not more than 30 ducks and 8 geese and brant of all kinds, at any one time.

## REGULATION 14.—CONTINUOUS CLOSE SEASON IN CERTAIN AREAS

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to permit the taking at any time of any game animal, game bird, or fur-bearing animal—

in Mount McKinley National Park,  
in Katmai National Monument,  
in Glacier Bay National Monument,  
on Kruzof and Partofshikof Islands,  
in Eyak Lake closed area:—

including the drainage area of Eyak Lake and Power Creek, north and east of Cordova, more particularly described as follows: Beginning on 44602°—31—2



the north boundary line of the city limits of the town of Cordova, Alaska, at a point where said boundary line is crossed by the divide between Eyak Lake and Power Creek and Orca Inlet and Orca Bay; thence in a general northeasterly direction along said divide to the intersection with parallel 60° 40' North; thence east along said parallel to the intersection with the divide between the watershed of Power Creek and Eyak Lake and the watershed of Ibek Creek; thence in a general southwesterly direction along said divide to the headwaters of Allen Creek; thence southwesterly along the course of Allen Creek to its confluence with Eyak Lake; thence southerly along the shore of Eyak Lake to the northerly side line of the Copper River & Northwestern Railway right of way; thence in a general westerly direction along the northerly sideline of said railway right of way to the intersection with the east boundary line of the city limits of the town of Cordova; thence north along said east boundary of Cordova to the northeast corner of the boundary line of said town; thence west along the northern boundary line of said town to the point of beginning; containing approximately 22,000 acres;

or, except under permit of or regulation by the Secretary of Agriculture,  
on any bird reservation,

on any island occupied under lease or permit for fur-farming purposes except by the occupant thereof,

or in any of the following-described areas along the line of the Alaska Railroad:

1. One-half mile in width situated to the eastward of the center line of the Alaska Railroad between mileposts 40.5 and 41.5.
2. One-half mile in width situated to the westward of the center line of the Alaska Railroad between mileposts 176 and 177.
3. One-half mile in width situated to the westward of the center line of the Alaska Railroad between mileposts 181.5 and 182.5.
4. One-half mile in width situated to the westward of the center line of the Alaska Railroad between mileposts 190 and 191.
5. One-half mile in width situated to the westward of the center line of the Alaska Railroad between mileposts 195.5 and 196.5.
6. One mile in width situated one-half mile to the eastward and one-half mile to the westward of the center line of the Alaska Railroad between mileposts 234.5 and 236.5.
7. One mile in width situated one-half mile to the westward and one-half mile to the eastward of the center line of the Alaska Railroad between mileposts 242 and 243.
8. One-half mile in width situated to the eastward of the center line of the Alaska Railroad between mileposts 250 and 252.
9. Beginning at a point 6 miles north of the Curry Hotel, thence east 1 mile, thence south 7 miles, thence west 2 miles, thence north 7 miles, thence east 1 mile to the place of beginning.

One mile in width on each side of the center line of the Alaska Railroad beginning at milepost 247 and extending to milepost 254.

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to permit the taking at any time except under permit of the Secretary of Agriculture of any—

game animal or game bird in Keystone Canyon closed area, including one-half mile on each side of and paralleling the Richardson Highway from milepost 13 (from Valdez) to milepost 20 (from Valdez);

caribou in Steese Highway closed areas, including one-half mile on either side of and paralleling the center line of the Steese Highway from milepost 85 to milepost 88 (Twelve Mile Summit); and from milepost 106 to milepost 111 (Eagle Summit);

beaver or muskrat on the Kodiak-Afognak Islands group;

mountain sheep or mountain goat in the eastern part of Kenai Peninsula east of longitude 150° (the location of which is indicated by a north and south line 5 miles east of the Stalter Place on Kenai River);

mountain goat on Baranof or Chichagof Islands;

deer west of longitude 138°;

buffalo (bison) in any part of Alaska;

elk in any part of Alaska; or

moose on the Alaska Peninsula south and west of the Kvichak River, Iliamna Lake, and the old portage from Kamishak Bay to Kakhonak Bay.



**REGULATION 15.—CERTAIN NONGAME BIRDS UNPROTECTED**

A person may take, possess, and transport crows, hawks, owls, eagles, ravens, magpies, and cormorants, and their nests and eggs, at any time, in any number, and by any means, except they may not be taken by the use of poison.

**REGULATION 16.—TAKING OF CERTAIN NONGAME BIRDS BY ESKIMOS AND INDIANS FOR FOOD AND CLOTHING**

Eskimos and Indians may take, possess, and transport at any time, auks, auklets, guillemots, murres, and puffins and their eggs for food, and their skins for clothing, for the use of themselves and their immediate families.

**REGULATION 17.—LAND FUR-BEARING ANIMAL DISTRICTS<sup>2</sup>**

For the purpose of these regulations, with respect to land fur-bearing animals, the Territory is hereby divided into eight districts, as follows:

**Fur District 1.**—All of southeastern Alaska from Dixon Entrance to Cape Fairweather and along longitude 138° to the international boundary.

**Fur District 2.**—That portion of southern Alaska draining to the Gulf of Alaska and Cook Inlet, beginning with the western boundary line of Fur District 1 and following longitude 138° from Cape Fairweather to the international boundary and along this boundary to Mount St. Elias; thence following the summit of the Chugach Range to the head of Miles Glacier; thence down the center line of said glacier to the center of the Copper River & Northwestern Railway bridge across the Copper River at mile 49; thence up the center line of Childs Glacier to its summit; thence along the divide through Marshall Pass and Thompson Pass; thence along the divide to Tahneta Pass; thence along the divide separating the waters of the Matanuska River from the Nelchina River and the Talkeetna River from the Oshetna River; thence along the divide separating the waters of the Oshetna River from Kosina Creek to and across the Susitna River at a point 4 miles northwest of the mouth of Goose Creek; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing northwest into the Susitna River from those flowing southerly into the Susitna River; thence following said divide separating the waters flowing north into the Nenana River from those flowing southerly into the Susitna and Chulitna Rivers and across Broad Pass and the Alaska Railroad at mile 308; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing south into the Chulitna River from those flowing north into Cantwell Creek and the Nenana River to the summit of the Alaska Range; thence along said summit through Rainy Pass to Merrill Pass; thence along the summit of the Chigmit Mountains, separating the waters flowing easterly into Cook Inlet from those flowing westerly into the Kuskokwim River and Bristol Bay, to its intersection with the old portage from Kamishak Bay to Kakhonak Bay on Iliamna Lake; thence along said portage to Kamishak Bay.

**Fur District 3.**—Consisting of the Aleutian Islands, Unimak Island, Amak Island, all the islands lying south of the Alaska Peninsula, the Kodiak-Afognak Islands group, the Barren Islands, Augustine Island, and the Alaska Peninsula from False Pass to the mouth of Reindeer Creek, thence following said creek and a line to the center of Aniakchak Crater, and including that portion of said peninsula consisting of the drainage to the Pacific Ocean south of a line following the divide from the center of Aniakchak Crater to the old portage from Kamishak Bay to Kakhonak Bay; thence along said portage on the boundary of Fur District 2 to Kamishak Bay.

**Fur District 4.**—All the drainage to Bristol Bay, bounded on the south by the northern boundary of Fur District 3, on the east by the western boundary of Fur District 2, and on the north by a line beginning at Cape Newenham and extending along the summit of the divide separating the waters flowing northerly into Kuskokwim Bay and Kuskokwim River from those flowing southerly into Bristol Bay, to its intersection with the western boundary of Fur District 2 at a point approximately 22 miles south of Merrill Pass.

**Fur District 5.**—That portion of western Alaska draining to Kuskokwim Bay, Bering Sea, Norton Sound, and Kotzebue Sound, bounded on the east by a line beginning at Cape Newenham and extending along the divide separating the waters flowing into Kuskokwim Bay and Kuskokwim River from those flowing into Bristol Bay and the Tikchik Lakes; thence along the divide separating the

<sup>2</sup> See map at end of this publication.



waters flowing into the Tulusak River and Whitefish Lake from those flowing into the Aniak River and Swift Creek; thence to a point on the Kuskokwim River opposite the mouth of the first stream on the north bank above Ohagamut; thence across the Kuskokwim River and following the center of said first north-bank stream above Ohagamut to its head; thence along the divide separating the waters of Paimute Portage flowing into Big Lake from those flowing into the Yukon River; thence to a point on the Yukon River 15 miles below Paimute Village; thence following down the south bank of the Yukon River to a point 5 miles below Dogfish Village; thence across the Yukon River to Mount Chiniklik; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing into the Stuyahok River from those flowing into the Kuyukutuk River; thence continuing along said divide separating the waters flowing easterly into the Yukon River from those flowing westerly into Norton Sound; thence continuing along said divide separating the waters flowing into the Koyukuk River from those flowing into Kotzebue Sound to the summit of the divide separating those flowing into the Colville River from those flowing into the Noatak River; thence westerly along the divide separating the waters flowing north into the Arctic Ocean from those flowing south into the Noatak and Kukpuk Rivers to the coast at Cape Lisburne.

**Fur District 6.**—All the watershed of the Tanana River, the upper Copper River, part of the lower Yukon River, and the upper Kuskokwim River, bounded on the east by the international boundary, on the south by the northern boundaries of Fur Districts 2 and 4, on the west by the eastern boundary of Fur District 5, and on the north by a line beginning at International Boundary Monument No. 146 and following the divide separating the waters of the north fork of the Ladue River from those of the Ladue River; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing northerly into the Yukon River from those flowing southerly into the Tanana River, through Far Mountain, Twelve Mile Summit, and Wickersham Dome; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing easterly into Beaver Creek from those flowing westerly into Hess Creek; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing south-westerly into Hess Creek from those flowing northerly into the Yukon River; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing southerly into Waldron Creek from those flowing northerly into the Yukon River, to the site of old Fort Hamlin; thence across the Yukon River to the divide separating the waters flowing northerly into the Dall River from those flowing southerly into the Ray River; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing northerly into the Kanuti River from those flowing southerly into the Yukon River; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing westerly into the Koyukuk River from those flowing southerly into the Melozitna River; thence along the divide separating those waters flowing into the Koyukuk River above the upper end of Treat Island from those entering below said point, to the Koyukuk River; thence across the Koyukuk River at the upper end of Treat Island and northwesterly along the divide separating the waters flowing easterly into the Hogatza River and Koyukuk River from those flowing southerly into the Koyukuk River, to Cone Mountain; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing easterly into the Hogatza River from those flowing westerly into the Dakli River, to the intersection with the eastern boundary of Fur District 5.

**Fur District 7.**—All the drainage to the upper Koyukuk and upper Yukon Rivers bounded on the east by the international boundary, on the north by the summit of the Brooks Range, on the west by the eastern boundary of Fur District 5, and on the south by the northern boundary of Fur District 6.

**Fur District 8.**—The Arctic coast of Alaska, consisting of all the drainage to the Arctic Ocean north of the northern boundaries of Fur Districts 5 and 7.

**REGULATION 18.—METHODS OF TAKING LAND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS AND RECAPTURE OF ESCAPED ANIMALS**

*Except in areas enumerated and defined as closed to trapping under regulation 14, land fur-bearing animals may be taken during the open season in any number and in any manner, except by the aid or use of a set gun of any description, a shotgun, fire, jack light, pit lamp, searchlight, or other artificial light, by means of a trap or device known as the "klips," or by means of any steel bear trap or any other trap with jaws having a spread exceeding 9 inches, or by means of strychnine or other poison: provided, that no dogs shall be used to take any land fur-bearing animal (except polar bear; and*



wolves and coyotes in Fur District 8), and no protected fur-bearing animal shall be taken from its home, den, or hole by digging, smoking, or the use of chemicals, and no home, house, den, or runway of a beaver or muskrat shall be injured or destroyed.

Operators of licensed fur farms from which animals escape from captivity may conduct recapturing operations through the use of legal trapping devices within a period of 30 days after the discovery of escape of the animals. If such operations are conducted during the close season on wild animals of the same species, such operator shall immediately notify the nearest game warden in writing of the numbers and kinds of escaped animals, the kinds of devices being used in recapturing operations, and the locality where such operations are being conducted.

So-called "blackfish traps," commonly used near the Bering Sea coast for the taking of blackfish, shall be properly screened to prevent the capture or killing of land fur-bearing animals.

During the close seasons on land fur-bearing animals in the respective fur districts no person shall set, maintain, or attend traps for wolves, coyotes, or other unprotected animals without first procuring a permit authorizing him to do so. Application for such permit shall be addressed to the Alaska Game Commission, Juneau, Alaska, and shall contain a statement of the nature and extent of the proposed operations of the applicant.

#### REGULATION 19.—OPEN AND CLOSE SEASON ON LAND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

*Except in areas enumerated and defined as closed to trapping under regulation 14, land fur-bearing animals may be taken in the specified districts during the following open seasons:*

##### Fur District 1:

*Mink, land otter, weasel* (ermine), *fox*, (red, cross, silver, white, and blue<sup>3</sup>), and *lynx*.—December 16 to January 15.

*Muskrat*.—December 16 to April 30.

*Marten*.—No open season.

*Beaver*.—No open season.

*Wolf, coyote, wolverene, black bear, marmot, and ground squirrel* (spermophile).—No close season, may be taken by any person at any time in a lawful manner. (See regulations 2 and 18.)

##### Fur District 2:

*Mink, land otter, weasel* (ermine), *fox*, (red, cross, silver, white, and blue<sup>3</sup>), and *lynx*.—December 1 to January 31.

*Muskrat*.—December 1 to April 30.

*Marten*.—No open season.

*Beaver*.—No open season.

*Wolf, coyote, wolverene, black bear, marmot, and ground squirrel* (spermophile).—No close season, may be taken by any person at any time in a lawful manner. (See regulations 2 and 18.)

##### Fur District 3:

*Mink, land otter, weasel* (ermine), *fox*, (red, cross, silver, white, and blue<sup>3</sup>), and *lynx* (see exception).—December 1 to January 31.

*Exception:* No open season for mink, land otter, or weasel (ermine) on Unimak Island.

*Muskrat*.—December 1 to April 30.

*Marten*.—No open season.

*Beaver*.—No open season.

*Wolf, coyote, wolverene, black bear, marmot, and ground squirrel* (spermophile).—No close season, may be taken by any person at any time in a lawful manner. (See regulations 2 and 18.)

##### Fur District 4:

*Mink, land otter, weasel* (ermine), *fox*, (red, cross, silver, white, and blue<sup>3</sup>), and *lynx*.—December 1 to January 31.

*Muskrat*.—December 1 to April 30.

*Marten*.—No open season.

*Beaver*.—No open season.

<sup>3</sup> Territorial law prescribes that blue foxes legally taken shall be presented to a United States commissioner for tagging. (See p. 32, sec. 5, ch. 67, act of May 1, 1923, as amended by ch. 113, act of May 2, 1929.)



**Fur District 4—Continued.**

*Wolf, coyote, wolverene, black bear, marmot, and ground squirrel* (spermophile).—No close season, may be taken by any person at any time in a lawful manner. (See regulations 2 and 18.)

**Fur District 5:**

*Mink, land otter, weasel* (ermine), *fox* (red, cross, silver, white, and blue<sup>3</sup>), and *lynx*.—December 1 to February 28.

*Muskrat*.—December 1 to June 10.

*Marten*.—No open season.

*Beaver*.—No open season.

*Polar bear, wolf, coyote, wolverene, black bear, marmot, and ground squirrel* (spermophile).—No close season, may be taken by any person at any time in a lawful manner. (See regulations 2 and 18.)

**Fur District 6:**

*Mink, land otter, weasel* (ermine), *fox* (red, cross, silver, white, and blue<sup>3</sup>), and *lynx*.—November 16 to February 20.

*Muskrat*.—November 16 to May 31.

*Marten*.—No open season.

*Beaver*.—No open season.

*Wolf, coyote, wolverene, black bear, marmot, and ground squirrel* (spermophile).—No close season, may be taken by any person at any time in a lawful manner. (See regulations 2 and 18.)

**Fur District 7:**

*Mink, land otter, weasel* (ermine), *fox* (red, cross, silver, white, and blue<sup>3</sup>), and *lynx*.—November 6 to February 20.

*Muskrat*.—November 6 to May 31.

*Marten*.—No open season.

*Beaver*.—No open season.

*Wolf, coyote, wolverene, black bear, marmot, and ground squirrel* (spermophile).—No close season, may be taken by any person at any time in a lawful manner. (See regulations 2 and 18.)

**Fur District 8:**

*Mink, land otter, weasel* (ermine), *fox* (red, cross, silver, white, and blue<sup>3</sup>), and *lynx*.—December 1 to April 15.

*Muskrat*.—December 1 to June 10.

*Marten*.—No open season.

*Beaver*.—No open season.

*Polar bear, wolf, coyote, wolverene, black bear, marmot, and ground squirrel* (spermophile).—No close season, may be taken by any person at any time in a lawful manner. (See regulations 2 and 18.)

**REGULATION 20.—FEEDING GAME TO FOXES, FUR-BEARING ANIMALS, AND DOGS**

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to permit any person to feed to a fox or other fur-bearing animal held in captivity, or to a dog boarded for pay, any part of a game animal or bird other than an eagle, a raven, crow, hawk, owl, or cormorant, but waste parts, such as hides, viscera, and bones, may be fed to such animals.

**REGULATION 21.—DUTIES OF FUR FARMERS AND FUR TRADERS**

Each licensed fur farmer or fur dealer shall comply with the provisions of all Territorial laws relating to fur farmers and fur dealers, and, at all reasonable hours, shall allow any member of the commission, any game warden, or any authorized employee of the United States Department of Agriculture to enter and inspect the premises where operations are being carried on under these regulations, and to inspect the books and records relating thereto.

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<sup>3</sup> Territorial law prescribes that blue foxes legally taken shall be presented to a United States commissioner for tagging. (See p. 32, sec. 5, ch. 67, act of May 1, 1923, as amended by ch. 113, act of May 2, 1929.)



**REGULATION 22.—PERMITS TO TAKE SPECIMENS FOR SCIENTIFIC, PROPAGATION, AND EXHIBITION PURPOSES**

The Secretary may issue a permit to a duly accredited representative of an educational or scientific institution, public museum or park, governmental department of the United States, or a State engaged in the scientific study of animals and birds, or a person known to be making a special animal or bird investigation, authorizing the holder to collect, possess, and transport wild animals and wild birds and the nests or eggs of birds for scientific purposes, and may issue a permit to any person to take, possess, and transport animals or birds for propagation or exhibition, but no permit to take fur-bearing animals for propagation shall be valid unless countersigned by the executive officer before issuance, and no permit shall authorize the collection, possession, purchase, or sale for propagation of migratory birds other than ducks and geese. Such permit shall be carried on the person of the permittee when he is collecting animals, birds, or nests or eggs thereunder, and shall be exhibited to any warden or other person requesting to see it.

Applications for permits to take land fur-bearing animals for propagation should be addressed to the Alaska Game Commission, Juneau, Alaska, and must state the kinds and numbers of animals the applicant desires to capture, and where the animals are to be kept. Applications for all other permits should be addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and must state the name and address of applicant, his age, whether he is a taxidermist, name and address of the public museum or park, if any, which he represents, region where he desires to collect, number of each species of animal or bird or nests or eggs he desires to collect, probable port and date of shipment, and the purpose for which they are intended.

The permit may limit the number and species of animals, birds, and nests and eggs that may be collected thereunder, and may authorize the permittee to possess, buy, sell, and exchange animals and birds, parts thereof, and nests and eggs for scientific, propagation, or exhibition purposes, and prescribe the manner in which specimens may be taken or may be transported, or it may limit the permittee to one or more of these privileges and prescribe such other restrictions as the Secretary may deem necessary.

Each permit shall expire on December 31 of the year of issue, shall be revocable at the discretion of the Secretary, and shall not be transferable. A permit duly revoked by the Secretary shall be surrendered to him by the person to whom issued on demand of any employee of the United States Department of Agriculture or of the commission authorized by the Secretary to make such demand.

The holder of a permit to take land fur-bearing animals for propagation shall on or before the 10th day of January following the expiration of this permit report to the Alaska Game Commission, Juneau, Alaska, the kinds, number, and sex of all animals taken by him under the permit, the disposition made of all animals so captured, and whether any animals were killed or died in the course, or as a result of the capture operations.

A permittee holding other permits shall report to the Secretary on or before the 10th day of January following the termination of his permit, the number of animals, birds, and nests and eggs collected, bought, sold, exchanged, or transported during the preceding calendar year.

Permittees shipping animals, birds, or nests or eggs for scientific, propagation, or exhibition purposes, except as herein mentioned, must at the time of shipment, forward to the collector of customs at the port of entry a copy of his permit bearing the seal of the United States Department of Agriculture and a list correctly showing the number and kinds of animals, birds, or nests or eggs contained in the shipment, but if several shipments are to be made under one permit, such copy of the permit and such list should accompany the first consignment, and at the time any subsequent shipment is made such a list should be mailed to the collector of customs at the port of entry. Shipments of specimens to the United States Department of Agriculture or to the Smithsonian Institution or the United States National Museum may be made without being accompanied by a permit, and shipments containing not to exceed 10 live animals and not to exceed 25 live birds in any one consign-

ment may be sent without being accompanied by a permit to the following zoological parks, if shipped directly to one of such parks and not to some agent:

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

Lincoln Park, Chicago.

Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago.

Menagerie of Central Park, New York City.

National Zoological Park, Washington.

New York Zoological Society, New York City.

Zoological Board of Control, St. Louis.

Zoological Garden, Belle Isle, Detroit.

Zoological Society, Philadelphia.

**REGULATION 23.—PERMITS TO KILL ANIMALS OR BIRDS INJURIOUS TO PROPERTY**

When information is furnished the Secretary that any species of bird or animal has become, under extraordinary conditions, seriously injurious to agricultural or other interests in the Territory, an investigation will be made to determine the nature and extent of the injury, and whether the animals or birds alleged to be doing the damage should be killed, and, if so, during what times and by what means. Upon his determination an appropriate order will be issued.

**REGULATION 24.—REVOCATION OF PRIOR REGULATIONS**

On and after 90 days after publication hereof, all regulations respecting game animals, land fur-bearing animals, game birds, nongame birds, and nests and eggs of birds in Alaska made and published by the Secretary of Agriculture under authority of the Alaska game law prior to the regulations hereby made and published shall be and are hereby revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the United States Department of Agriculture to be affixed in the city of Washington, this 7th day of March, 1931.



*Arthur C. Hyde*

Secretary of Agriculture.



## REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA GAME COMMISSION RELATING TO GUIDES, POISONS, AND RESIDENT TRAPPING LICENSES

By virtue of the authority conferred upon the Alaska Game Commission by the act of January 13, 1925 (43 Stat. 739; United States Code, title 48, secs. 192-211, as amended by the act of February 14, 1931, Public No. 664, 71st Cong.), entitled "An act to establish an Alaska Game Commission to protect game animals, land fur-bearing animals, and birds in Alaska, and for other purposes," the following regulations for the protection of game animals, land fur-bearing animals, and birds in Alaska are made and published, to take effect July 1, 1931:

### REGULATION A.—EMPLOYMENT OF GUIDES BY NONRESIDENTS HUNTING IN ALASKA<sup>4</sup>

No nonresident of the Territory shall take game animals in Alaska except in Fur District 3 unless accompanied by a registered guide duly licensed by the commission, except that nonresident Federal officials engaged in investigations in Alaska upon securing a special permit from the commission shall not be required to employ licensed guides when hunting game animals.

### REGULATION B.—QUALIFICATIONS OF GUIDES

Only a resident citizen or a resident native Indian or Eskimo who is the holder of a valid registered guide license shall act as guide for a nonresident hunter of game animals in Alaska. Any person desiring to be registered with the commission and granted a guide license for guiding nonresident hunters, shall file with the commission an application, on a form issued by the commission, which shall be subscribed and sworn to by the applicant before a person authorized to administer oaths. Such application shall state applicant's citizenship and residence status, his permanent address, and the regions in which he desires to guide nonresident hunters. Each applicant for a registered guide license shall be required to undergo a written and oral examination given by a member of the commission or by such person as the commission may designate, to determine his qualifications to guide and his knowledge of the Alaska game law and regulations.

If, in the opinion of the commission, an applicant for guide license does not possess sufficient field experience but meets all other requirements of the regulations, an assistant guide license may be issued to the said applicant limiting his guiding privileges until such time as the commission is satisfied that he is qualified for a regular guide license.

No registered guide license shall be issued unless the application therefor shall have been approved by the Alaska Game Commission at a regular or special meeting: *Provided*, That in cases of emergency the executive officer may, after due investigation and being satisfied of the applicant's qualifications, issue a special guide license upon an application properly completed and accompanied by the required fee, authorizing the licensee to guide certain specified nonresident hunters, who shall be named in the application for such license: *Provided further*, That the extension of guiding privileges authorized by such licenses or the renewal therefor shall be made only upon compliance with the requirements first above stated.

A registered guide license must bear the signature of the chairman of the commission and be countersigned by one other member of the commission. Each license shall expire on June 30, next succeeding its issuance, shall be revocable at the discretion of the commission, and shall not be transferable.

Each licensed guide shall submit to the commission immediately upon completion of a hunting trip, a record of the name and address of each nonresident

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<sup>4</sup> A list of licensed guides may be obtained upon request addressed to the Alaska Game Commission, Juneau, Alaska.

in each hunting party for which he acted as guide, the period covered by his services rendered each hunting party during the open season, the number and species of animals taken by each nonresident guided by him, the number and species of animals wounded but not secured by each nonresident hunter guided by him, and the numbers and localities of each species of big-game animal observed by him and members of the hunting party.

#### REGULATION C.—USE OF POISON

No hunter or trapper, including native Indians or Eskimos, shall have in possession any poison compounds of strychnine, arsenic, phosphorus, antimony, barium, the cyanides, corrosive sublimate, or any other poison capable of being used for killing fur-bearing or game animals. Possession shall include presence of such poisons in camps, cabins, buildings, or boats occupied by hunters, trappers, native Indians, or Eskimos.

#### REGULATION D.—RESIDENT TRAPPING LICENSE

After July 1, 1931, no resident of Alaska, except a native-born Indian, Eskimo, or half-breed, who has not severed his tribal relations by adopting a civilized mode of living or by exercising the right of franchise, shall take or attempt to take land fur-bearing animals in Alaska without first having obtained a resident trapping license.

On and after July 1, 1931, all former regulations of the Alaska Game Commission relating to guides, poisons, and resident trapping licenses shall be, and are hereby, revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and caused the official seal of the commission to be affixed in the city of Juneau, Territory of Alaska, this 9th day of December, 1930.



W. R. SELFRIDGE,  
*Commissioner First  
Judicial Division.*

FRANK P. WILLIAMS,  
*Commissioner Second  
Judicial Division.*

W. H. CHASE,  
*Commissioner Third  
Judicial Division, and Chairman.*

IRVING MCK. REED,  
*Commissioner Fourth  
Judicial Division.*

H. W. TERHUNE,  
*Chief Representative of the  
Bureau of Biological Survey  
Resident in Alaska, and Secretary.*



## EXTRACTS FROM ALASKA GAME LAW

ACT OF JANUARY 13, 1925

[43 Stat. 739; United States Code, title 48, secs. 192-211; as amended by act of February 14, 1931, Public No. 664, 71st Cong.]

AN ACT To establish an Alaska Game Commission to protect game animals, land fur-bearing animals, and birds, in Alaska, and for other purposes

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this act shall be known by the short title of the "Alaska Game Law."

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.—That for the purposes of this act the following shall be construed, respectively, to mean:

Commission: The Alaska Game Commission.

Territory: Territory of Alaska.

Person: The plural or the singular, as the case demands, including individuals, associations, partnerships, and corporations, unless the context otherwise requires.

Take: Taking, pursuing, disturbing, hunting, capturing, trapping, or killing game animals, land fur-bearing animals, game or nongame birds, attempting to take, pursue, disturb, hunt, capture, trap, or kill such animals or birds, or setting or using a net, trap, or other device for taking them, or collecting the nests or eggs of such birds, unless the context otherwise requires. Whenever the taking of animals, birds or nests or eggs of birds is permitted, reference is had to taking by lawful means and in lawful manner.

Open season: The time during which birds or animals may lawfully be taken. Each period of time prescribed as an open season shall be construed to include the first and last days thereof.

Close season: The time during which birds and animals may not be taken.

Transport: Shipping, transporting, carrying, importing, exporting, or receiving or delivering for shipment, transportation, carriage, or export, unless the context otherwise requires.

Game animals: Deer, moose, caribou, elk, mountain sheep, mountain goat, and the large brown and grizzly bears, and such other animals as have been or may hereafter be introduced, which shall be known as big game.

Land fur-bearing animals: Beaver, muskrat, marmot, ground squirrel (spermophiles), fisher, fox, lynx, marten or sable, mink, weasel or ermine, land otter, wolverine, polar bear, and black bear, including its brown and blue (or glacier bear) color variations.

Game birds: Migratory waterfowl, commonly known as ducks, geese, brant, and swans; shore birds, commonly known as plover, sandpipers, snipe, little brown cranes, and curlew, and the several species of grouse and ptarmigan, and such other birds as have been or may hereafter be introduced, which shall be known as small game.

Nongame birds: All wild birds except game birds.

SEC. 3. APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION.—That for the purposes of this act a citizen of the United States who has been domiciled in the Territory for the purpose of making his permanent home therein, for not less than one year immediately preceding his claim for resident privileges or a foreign-born person not a citizen of the United States who has declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and has been domiciled in the Territory for a like period and purpose, shall be considered a resident; but if such a foreign-born person shall not have been admitted to citizenship within seven years from the date he declared his first intention to become a citizen, he shall thereafter be deemed to be an alien until admitted to citizenship. A foreign-born person not a citizen of the United States who has not declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, or who has not resided in the Territory for at least one year after having declared such intention, shall be considered an alien.



That if any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this act shall for any reason be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or parts thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

SEC. 4. ALASKA GAME COMMISSION CREATED.—\* \* \* All investigations, inquiries, hearings, and decisions of a commissioner shall be deemed to be the investigations, inquiries, hearings, and decisions of the commission, when approved by it and entered by it in its minutes, and every order made by a commissioner, when approved and confirmed by the commission and ordered filed in its office shall be and be deemed to be the order of the commission. The commission shall have an official seal.

SEC. 5. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION, WARDENS, AND OFFICERS.—\* \* \* That each member of the commission, any warden, any person appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture or by the commission to enforce this act, any Forest Service employee, marshal, deputy marshal, collector or deputy collector of customs, officer of a Coast Guard vessel, special officer of the Department of Justice, or licensed guide shall have power, in or out of the Territory, and it shall be his duty, to arrest without warrant any person committing a violation of this act in his presence or view, and to take such person immediately for examination or trial before an officer or court of competent jurisdiction; he shall have power to execute any warrant or other process issued by an officer or court of competent jurisdiction for the enforcement of the provisions of this act; and he shall have authority, with a search warrant, to search any place at any time. Any officer or employee empowered to enforce this act shall have authority without warrant to search any camp, camp outfit, pack or pack animals, automobile, wagon, or other vehicle, sled, or any boat, vessel, or other craft, in the Territorial waters of the United States, or any boat, vessel, or other craft of the United States on the high seas when such officer or employee has reasonable cause to believe that such camp, camp outfit, pack or pack animals, automobile, wagon, or other vehicle, sled, boat, vessel, or other craft has therein or thereon any of the animals or birds, or parts thereof, protected by this act, taken, possessed, sold, intended for sale, or transported contrary to law. The several judges of the courts established under the laws of the United States and United States commissioners may, within their respective jurisdictions, upon proper oath or affirmation showing probable cause, issue warrants in all such cases. All guns, traps, nets, boats, dogs, sleds, and other paraphernalia used in or in aid of a violation of this act may be seized, and all animals, birds, or parts thereof, or nests or eggs of birds taken, transported, or possessed contrary to the provisions of this act shall be seized within or outside the Territory by any officer or person authorized to enforce this act, and upon conviction of the offender or upon judgment of a court of the United States that the same were being used or were taken, transported, or possessed in violation of this act, shall be forfeited to the United States and disposed of as directed by the court having jurisdiction, and if sold the proceeds of sale shall be transmitted by the clerk of the court to the executive officer to be disposed of as are other receipts of the commission. Any property, animals, birds, or parts thereof, or nests or eggs of birds seized by a licensed guide shall be safely held and promptly delivered by him to the commission, a game warden, or to a marshal or deputy marshal. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster General, upon request of the Secretary of Agriculture, to aid in carrying out the provisions of this act.

SEC. 8. TAKING OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS RESTRICTED.—That, unless and except as permitted by this act or by regulations made pursuant to this act, it shall be unlawful for any person to take, possess, transport, sell, offer to sell, purchase, or offer to purchase any game animal, land fur-bearing animal, wild bird, or any parts thereof, or any nest or egg of any such bird, or, except under regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, to molest, damage, or destroy beaver or muskrat houses: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the collection or exportation of animals, birds, parts thereof, or nests or eggs of birds for scientific purposes, or of live animals, birds, or eggs of birds, for propagation or exhibition purposes, under a permit issued by the Secretary of Agriculture and under such regulations as he may prescribe. Land fur-bearing or game animals which escape from captivity, unless recaptured by their owners, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the



Secretary of Agriculture, and all fur and game animals hereafter introduced into Alaska are declared to be wild fur-bearing or game animals and shall be subject to the provisions of this act.

SEC. 9. POISON, USE PROHIBITED.—That no person shall at any time use any poison to kill any animal or bird protected by this act or put out poison or a poisoned bait where any such animal or bird may come in contact with it; but a game warden or predatory animal hunter employed by or under the direction of the commission may use poison to kill wolves, coyotes, or wolverenes, under such regulations as the commission may adopt; and no person shall sell or give any strychnine or other poison designated by the commission to any hunter or trapper, including native Indians or Eskimos who hunt or trap. No hunter or trapper, including native Indians or Eskimos who hunt and trap, shall have any strychnine or other poison designated by the commission in his possession, and any such poison found in the possession of any such person shall be seized and disposed of in such manner as the commission may determine. Any person selling or otherwise disposing of any strychnine or any other poison designated by the commission shall keep a record in a special book showing the name and address of each person purchasing or otherwise procuring it and the kind and amount thereof, which record shall at all times be open to inspection by any game warden or other officer authorized to enforce this act, and he shall transmit such information monthly to the commission.

SEC. 10. REGULATIONS.—That the Secretary of Agriculture, upon consultation with or recommendation from the commission, is hereby authorized and directed from time to time to determine when, to what extent, if at all, and by what means game animals, land fur-bearing animals, game birds, nongame birds, and nests or eggs of birds may be taken, possessed, transported, bought, or sold, and to adopt suitable regulations permitting and governing the same in accordance with such determinations, which regulations shall become effective ninety days after the date of publication thereof by the Secretary of Agriculture; but no such regulation shall permit any person to take any female yearling or calf moose, any doe yearling or fawn deer, or any female or lamb mountain sheep except under permit for scientific, propagation, or educational purposes; or to use any dog in taking game animals; or to sell the heads, hides, or horns of any game animals, except the hides of moose, caribou, deer, and mountain goat which the regulations may permit to be sold under such restrictions as the Secretary may deem to be appropriate; or to use any shotgun larger than a number 10 gauge; or to use any airplane, steam or power launch, or any boat other than one propelled by paddle, oars, or pole in taking game animals or game birds; or to sell any game animals, game birds, or parts thereof, to the owner, master, or employee of any coastal or river steamer or commercial power or sail boat, or to procure for serving or to serve any such game animals, game birds, or parts thereof, in any cannery or to the employees on any such steamer or boat; nor, except as herein provided, shall prohibit any Indian or Eskimo, prospector, or traveler to take animals or birds during the close season when he is in absolute need of food and other food is not available, but the shipment or sale of any animals or birds or parts thereof so taken shall not be permitted, except that the hides of animals so taken may be sold within the Territory, but the Secretary by regulation may prohibit such native Indians or Eskimos, prospectors, or travelers from taking any species of animals or birds for food during the close season in any section of the Territory within which he shall determine that the supply of such species of animals or birds is in danger of extermination; nor shall any such regulation contravene any of the provisions of the migratory bird treaty act and regulations: *Provided*, That no person shall knowingly disturb, injure, or destroy any notice, signboard, seal, boat, vessel, sled, dog, or dog team, paraphernalia, or equipment, building, or other improvement or property of the United States used by the commission in the administration and/or enforcement of the provisions of this act, or as a notice to the public concerning the provisions of this act or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, or as a marker of the boundary of any area closed to hunting, trapping, or other special use under the provisions of this act, or to destroy, remove, tamper with, or imitate any metal seal or seals issued by the commission and attached to any skin, portion, or specimen of a wild animal or bird or other article for purposes of identification under its authority, in accordance with the provisions of this act or any regulation thereunder.

SEC. 11. LICENSES: SUBDIVISION A. NONRESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE.—That except as otherwise permitted by this act, or by regulation made pursuant



thereto, no nonresident shall take or possess any of the animals or birds protected by this act without first having procured a nonresident hunting and trapping license as herein provided.

SUBDIVISION B. RESIDENT EXPORT LICENSE AND PERMIT.—That no resident of the Territory shall transport therefrom any game animal, bird, or part thereof, unless he has (a) a resident export and return license, which will entitle him to transport out of the Territory for mounting and return to him in the Territory within one year such game animal, bird, or part thereof, as shall have been legally acquired by him and which shall be specifically identified in license, or (b) a resident export permit, which may be issued by the commission in its discretion, and which will entitle him to export from the Territory for other than return, but not for sale, such game animal, bird, or part thereof as shall have been legally acquired by him and which shall be specifically identified in the permit.

SUBDIVISION C. RESIDENT HUNTING AND TRAPPING LICENSES.—That the commission, whenever it shall deem expedient, may by regulation require residents of the Territory to procure resident hunting and trapping licenses authorizing them to take animals and birds protected by this act, and when such licenses shall have been required of residents the fee therefor shall be as follows: For each hunting license the sum of \$1 and for each trapping license the sum of \$2, but no such license shall be required of native-born Indians, Eskimos, or half-breeds who have not severed their tribal relations by adopting a civilized mode of living or by exercising the right of franchise, or of residents under the age of sixteen: *Provided*, That a licensed trapper shall be entitled to the privilege of hunting without a hunting license. After the expiration of ninety days from the publication of such regulation no resident shall take any animal or bird protected by this act without having first procured resident hunting and trapping licenses as herein provided.

SUBDIVISION D. REGISTERED GUIDE LICENSE.—That only a resident citizen or a resident native Indian or Eskimo of the Territory may act as guide for a nonresident in any section of the Territory where the commission by regulation requires nonresidents to employ guides, and he shall first register with the commission on a form which it shall provide for this purpose and procure a registered guide license as herein provided, and the commission shall determine by regulation the qualifications required of such guides. No person other than a registered guide shall act as guide for a nonresident in any section of the Territory where guides are required by regulation of the commission to be registered.

SUBDIVISION E. ALIEN SPECIAL LICENSE.—That no alien shall take any of the animals or birds protected by this act, or own or be possessed of a shotgun, rifle, or other firearm, except under an alien special license issued as herein provided.

SUBDIVISION F. RECORDS, REPORTS.—Each person to whom a license is issued to take animals or birds, or to deal in furs, shall keep records which shall show the kind and number of each species of animals or birds so taken, purchased, or otherwise procured under such license, the persons from whom they were purchased and to whom they were sold, date of purchase or sale, name of the trapper, and the number of the trapper's license, and shall, on or before thirty days after the expiration of his license, make a written report to the commission on a form prepared and furnished by it setting forth in full the data herein required to be recorded. Such records shall at all reasonable times be subject to inspection and examination by a member of the commission and any of its employees and by any marshal or deputy marshal. Any licensee who shall fail correctly to keep such records or who shall fail to submit such report or who shall in any such report knowingly falsely state any such data or who shall refuse to exhibit his records for inspection and examination as herein required shall be punished as prescribed in section 15 of this act.

SUBSECTION G. FUR-FARM LICENSE.—That no person shall engage in the business of farming land fur-bearing animals or possess them for purposes of propagation without first having procured a fur-farm license as herein provided.

SUBDIVISION H. FUR DEALERS, LICENSES, FEES.—No person shall buy or sell the skins of fur-bearing animals, or engage in, carry on, or be concerned in the business of buying, selling, or trading in the skins of fur-bearing animals protected by this act without first having procured a license as herein provided, but no license shall be required of a native-born resident Indian, Eskimo, or half-breed who has not severed his tribal relations by adopting a civilized mode of living or by exercising the right of franchise, or of cooperative stores oper-



ated exclusively by and for native Indians, Eskimos, or half-breeds, or of stores operated by missions exclusively for native Indians, Eskimos, or half-breeds: *Provided*, That the stores exempted from procuring licenses as herein provided shall, on or before thirty days after the expiration of each license year as specified in this act, make a written statement to the commission on a form prepared and furnished by it setting forth such material facts concerning the management and operation of such store as the commission may by such form require and in addition thereto shall keep the records, make the reports, incur the penalties, and in all other respects be subject to the requirements of subdivision F of section 11 to the same extent as licensed fur dealers, or of a hunter or trapper selling the skins of such animals which he has lawfully taken, or of a person not engaged or employed in the business of trading in such skins to purchase them for his own use but not for sale.

The applicant for such a license shall accompany his application by the required fee, as follows:

(a) If the applicant is a resident of the Territory, \$10, or is an association or copartnership composed exclusively of residents of the Territory, organized under the laws of the Territory, for each member, \$10.

(b) If the applicant is a nonresident of the Territory who is a citizen of the United States, or is a corporation composed exclusively of citizens of the United States, organized under the laws of the Territory or of a State of the United States, or is an association or copartnership composed exclusively of citizens of the United States, organized under the laws of the Territory or of a State of the United States, any member of which is a nonresident of the Territory, \$100.

(c) If the applicant is an alien, or is a corporation, association, or copartnership, not organized under the laws of the Territory or of a State of the United States, or is a corporation, association, or copartnership, any stockholder, or member of which is an alien, \$500.

(d) If the applicant is a resident of the Territory and an agent in charge of a station of a fur dealer of either of the classes (a), (b), or (c), or a resident itinerant agent of such dealer, \$10.

(e) If the applicant is a nonresident of the Territory but a citizen of the United States and an agent in charge of a station of a fur dealer of either of the classes (a), (b), or (c), or a nonresident citizen itinerant agent of such dealer, \$100.

(f) If the applicant is an alien and an agent in charge of a station of a fur dealer of either of the classes (a), (b), or (c), or an alien itinerant agent of such dealer, \$500: *Provided*, That no license shall be issued to any agent whose principal has not procured a license in accordance with (a), (b), or (c).

SUBDIVISION I. FEES AND APPLICATION FOR, AND ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND PERMITS—Licenses and resident export permits shall be issued by the commission through its members, game wardens, and other persons authorized by it in writing to sell licenses. Resident export licenses and permits may also be issued by customs officers. Application blanks for licenses and permits shall be furnished by the commission and shall be in such form as the commission may by regulation determine. Each application shall be subscribed and sworn to by the applicant before an officer authorized to administer oaths in the Territory. Members of the commission, and its game wardens and other persons authorized in writing by it to issue licenses, and postmasters, and customs officers, are hereby authorized to administer such oaths. The applicant for a license or resident export permit shall accompany his application with a license or permit fee as follows:

Nonresident general hunting and trapping license, \$50; nonresident small-game hunting license, \$10; resident export and return license, \$1 for each trophy; resident export permit, if removing residence, \$1 for each animal, \$1 for each bird, if otherwise, \$5 for each animal, \$1 for each bird; registered guide license, \$10; alien special license, \$100; and fur-farm license, \$2.

SUBDIVISION J. FALSE STATEMENT IN APPLICATION FOR AND ALTERATION AND EXPIRATION OF LICENSES.—That any false statement in an application for license as to citizenship, place of residence or other material facts shall render null and void the license issued upon it. Any person who shall make any false statement in an application for a license shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to the penalties provided for the commission of perjury. No person shall alter, change, loan, or transfer to another any license issued to him in pursuance of this act, nor shall any person other than the one to whom it is issued use such license; and each of such licenses shall expire the 30th day of June next succeeding its issuance.



SUBDIVISION K. PROCEEDS OF LICENSES, DISPOSITION OF.—That each officer or person selling licenses shall, as soon as practicable after the first day of each month, transmit the proceeds thereof with a report of such sales to the executive officer, who shall keep accurate records thereof and of receipts from all other sources and promptly transmit 50 per centum thereof to the Secretary of Agriculture, to be covered into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts, and 50 per centum thereof to the treasurer of the Territory to be covered into the territorial school fund.

SEC. 12. COLLECTORS OF CUSTOMS, DUTIES OF.—That it shall be the duty of collectors of customs at ports of entry in the United States to keep accurate accounts of all consignments of game birds, game animals, skins of land furbearing animals, and parts thereof received from or returned to the Territory, except birds, nests, and eggs shipped under a scientific permit issued by the Secretary of Agriculture; and it shall be the duty of all collectors of customs to enforce the provisions of regulations adopted pursuant to this act with respect to shipments of animals or birds or nests or eggs of birds.

SEC. 13. UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, DUTIES OF.—That it shall be the duty of the United States attorney for the division in which any wild animal or wild bird, or part thereof, or nest or egg of such bird, or any gun, trap, net, boat, dog, sled, or other paraphernalia has been seized, or has been used, taken, transported, bought, sold, or possessed contrary to the provisions of this act, to institute an action in rem against it for the forfeiture thereof to the United States in any case in which the disposition of such article is not involved in a criminal prosecution; the possession of any wild animal, bird, or part thereof, or nest or egg of such bird, during the time when the taking of it is prohibited, shall, in any such action, constitute prima facie evidence that it was taken, possessed, bought, sold, or transported in violation of the provisions of this act, and the burden of proof shall be upon the possessor or claimant of it to overcome the presumption of illegal possession and to establish the fact that it was obtained and is possessed lawfully; and in case of judgment being rendered in favor of the United States, it shall be disposed of as directed by the court having jurisdiction, and if sold, the proceeds of sale shall be transmitted by the clerk of the court to the executive officer to be disposed of as are other receipts of the commission: *Provided*, That no action in rem shall be required with respect to any wild animal or bird, or part thereof, or any gun, net, trap, or other device possessed or used in or in aid of a violation of this act and legally seized when the claimant thereof releases such article or articles to the United States by a voluntary release in writing witnessed by two disinterested parties, in which case such articles shall be disposed of by the commission and if sold the proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in this section.

SEC. 15. PENALTIES.—That unless a different or other penalty or punishment is herein specifically prescribed, a person who violates any provision of this act, or who fails to perform any duty imposed by this act or any order or regulation adopted pursuant to this act, is guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 or be imprisoned not more than six months, or both; and, in addition thereto, any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this act who is the holder of any form of license issued thereunder shall thereupon forfeit said license and shall surrender it upon demand of any person authorized by the commission to receive it, and upon a second conviction he shall not be entitled to, nor shall he be granted, a license of such form for a period of one year from date of such forfeiture, and upon a third or successive conviction, for a period of five years from the date of such forfeiture; and any cooperative store operated exclusively by and for native Indians, Eskimos, or half-breeds, or any store operated by missions exclusively for native Indians, Eskimos, or half-breeds, without a license as provided in this act, upon a second or third conviction for violation of this act, shall not be entitled to engage in the business of dealing in furs for such time as the court before whom such conviction is had may decide: *Provided*, That such prohibition shall not be imposed for the first conviction, nor for a period in excess of one year from date of the second conviction, nor for a period in excess of five years from date of the third or any subsequent conviction: that all moneys from fines shall be transmitted by the clerk of the court to the executive officers to be disposed of as are other receipts of the commission.

That any licensed guide who shall fail or refuse to report promptly to the commission any violation of this act of which he may have knowledge, shall



be guilty of a violation of this act, and, in addition thereto, shall have his license revoked and shall be ineligible to act as a licensed guide for a period of five years from the time of his conviction therefor, or, of the establishment to the satisfaction of the commission of definite proof of such offense.

SEC. 16. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS FOR PURPOSES OF PROSECUTION—COORDINATION OF FISCAL BUSINESS.—That such officers, agents, or employees of the Secretary of Agriculture or the Alaska Game Commission as may be designated in writing by said Secretary or commission for the purpose are hereby authorized and empowered to administer to or take from any person, an oath, affirmation, or affidavit whenever such oath, affirmation, or affidavit is for use in any prosecution or proceeding under or in the enforcement of this act; \* \* \*.

SEC. 17. That nothing in this act contained shall be construed as repealing or modifying in any manner section 6 of the act of Congress approved February 26, 1917 (Thirty-ninth Statutes at Large, page 938), entitled "An act to establish the Mount McKinley National Park in the Territory of Alaska."

## BIRD REFUGES IN ALASKA

On the Alaska bird refuges named below, which are administered by the Biological Survey through its representatives in Alaska, wild animals and birds are specially protected. (See laws, p. 28.) In addition, the Mount McKinley National Park, the Katmai National Monument, and the Glacier Bay National Monument, under the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior, are game sanctuaries, all hunting being prohibited in these places. (See map.) Certain other areas where birds and animals are protected in the Territory are defined in regulation 14 (pp. 9-10.)

*Aleutian Islands* (established by Executive order of March 3, 1913).—A chain of islands with vegetation characteristic of the treeless Arctic plains, extending westward 1,200 miles from the Alaska Peninsula, including Unimak Island on the east and Attu Island on the west; maintained for the protection of native birds and game animals, the encouragement of fisheries, and the propagation of reindeer and fur animals. Islands usually rocky and some of them covered with a vigorous growth of grass and lichens. Blue foxes are farmed on many. By Executive order of November 23, 1928, the islands of Akun, Akutan, Sanak, Tigalda, Umnak, and Unalaska, including Sedanka or Biorka, and by Executive order of December 19, 1929, a portion of Amaknak Island, were eliminated from this reservation and transferred to the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior.

*Bering Sea* (established by Executive order of February 27, 1909).—Includes St. Matthew and Hall Islands and Pinnacle Islet in Bering Sea, about 220 miles north of the Pribilofs. St. Matthew, a jagged, straggling reach of bluffs and headlands, connected by bars and lowland spits, has an extreme length of 22 miles and varies in width from 2 to 3 miles. Hall Island, 3 miles to the west, is separated from St. Matthew by Sarichef Strait. Pinnacle Islet is a narrow rock about 1 mile long and 200 yards wide and rises to an altitude of 900 feet so abruptly that there is scarcely a place for a boat to land. Arctic foxes, represented mainly by the normal phase, which turns white in winter, are found in numbers, some coming from the mainland in winter on the pack ice. The rare and beautiful McKay's snowflake is known to breed nowhere except on this refuge, and the Pribilof sandpiper breeds here more extensively than anywhere else.

*Bogoslof* (established by Executive order of March 2, 1909).—Volcanic islets, in Bering Sea, commonly known as the Bogoslof Islands, about 40 miles north of Umnak and Unalaska, of the Aleutain Islands Reservation. Noted for the large colonies of sea lions, and the rocky portion as being the home of millions of murres.

*Chamisso Island* (established by Executive order of December 7, 1912).—A reservation about a mile and a quarter long and half a mile wide, consisting of Chamisso Island and Puffin and other near-by rocky islets in Kotzebue Sound, 2 miles south of the extremity of Choris Peninsula. One of the most important breeding rookeries of Arctic birds along the northwest coast of Alaska, including horned puffins, Pallas's murres, Pacific kittiwakes, and Point Barrow gulls.

*Curry and Alaska Railroad* (established by Executive order of February 21, 1927).—Certain areas along the Alaska Railroad between mileposts 40.5 and 252 set aside especially as preserves and breeding grounds for muskrats and beavers, but under regulation 14 (pp. 9-10) all game birds and game and fur-bearing animals are protected; and an area comprising 14 square miles surrounding the Government hotel at Curry, Alaska, as a bird, fish, and game refuge; fishing regulated by the Department of Commerce.

*Forrester Island* (established by Executive order of January 11, 1912).—In the Pacific Ocean west of Ketchikan, at the extreme southeastern boundary of



Alaska, including Forrester and Lowrie Islands and Wolf and other adjacent rocks. The breeding place of various kinds of sea birds.

*Hazy Islands* (established by Executive order of January 11, 1912).—A group of islands in southeastern Alaska, west of Coronation Island and 100 miles north of Forrester. Breeding place for numerous sea birds.

*Nunivak Island* (established by Executive order of April 15, 1929).—Located in Bering Sea, off the west coast of Alaska. Set apart for the use of the Department of Agriculture in conducting experiments in the crossing and propagation of reindeer and native caribou and also as a preserve and breeding grounds for native birds and wild game and fur-bearing animals. By Executive order of October 22, 1930, Triangle Island, and all small unnamed islands and rocks lying adjacent to Nunivak Island, were added to this reservation.

*St. Lazaria* (established by Executive order of February 27, 1909).—At the entrance to Sitka Sound, about 30 miles west of Sitka. The breeding place of certain sea birds.

*Tuxedni* (established by Executive order of February 27, 1909).—Embracing Chisik, Egg, and other small islands in Tuxedni Harbor, Cook Inlet, set aside as a breeding ground for native birds. Within the Southwestern Fisheries Reservation, established November 3, 1922.

### LACEY ACT, REGULATING INTERSTATE COMMERCE IN WILD ANIMALS<sup>5</sup>

Federal laws affecting the shipment of wild animals comprise statutes regulating interstate commerce by common carrier in the dead bodies or parts thereof, and the importation of live birds and mammals from foreign countries, as follows:

[United States Code, title 18, Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure]

SEC. 391. The importation into the United States, or any Territory or District thereof, of the mongoose, the so-called "flying foxes," or fruit bats, the English sparrow, the starling, and such other birds and animals as the Secretary of Agriculture may from time to time declare to be injurious to the interests of agriculture or horticulture, is hereby prohibited; and all such birds and animals shall, upon arrival at any port of the United States, be destroyed or returned at the expense of the owner. No person shall import into the United States or into any Territory or District thereof any foreign wild animal or bird, except under special permit from the Secretary of Agriculture: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall restrict the importation of natural-history specimens for museums or scientific collections, or of certain cage birds, such as domesticated canaries, parrots, or such other birds as the Secretary of Agriculture may designate. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to make regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this section. (Act of March 4, 1909, sec. 241—35 Stat. 1137.)

SEC. 392. It shall be unlawful for any person to deliver to any common carrier for transportation, or for any common carrier to transport from any State, Territory, or District of the United States to any other State, Territory, or District thereof, any foreign animals or birds the importation of which is prohibited, or the dead bodies or parts thereof of any wild animals or birds,<sup>6</sup> where such animals or birds have been killed or shipped in violation of the laws of the State, Territory, or District in which the same were killed, or from which they were shipped: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall prevent the transportation of any dead birds or animals killed during the season when the same may be lawfully captured, and the export of which is not prohibited by law in the State, Territory, or District in which the same are captured or killed. (Act of March 4, 1909, sec. 242—35 Stat. 1137.)

SEC. 393. All packages containing the dead bodies, or the plumage, or parts thereof, of game animals, or game or other wild birds, when shipped in inter-

<sup>5</sup> For secs. 2, 3, and 4 of the act of May 25, 1900—31 Stat. 187-188—which was superseded by secs. 241-244 of the act of March 4, 1909—35 Stat. 1137—see secs. 391-394 of title 18, U. S. Code; for sec. 5 of the act of May 25, 1900, see sec. 395 of title 18; and for sec. 1, see sec. 701 of title 16.

<sup>6</sup> See sec. 4 of the migratory bird treaty act, which supersedes this part of the Lacey Act relative to the interstate transportation of wild birds.



state or foreign commerce, shall be plainly and clearly marked, so that the name and address of the shipper and the nature of the contents may be readily ascertained on an inspection of the outside of such package. (Act of March 4, 1909, sec. 243—35 Stat. 1137.)

SEC. 394. For each evasion or violation of any provision of the three sections last preceding the shipper shall be fined not more than \$200; the consignee knowingly receiving such articles so shipped and transported in violation of said sections shall be fined not more than \$200; and the carrier knowingly carrying or transporting the same in violation of said sections shall be fined not more than \$200. (Act of March 4, 1909, sec. 244—35 Stat. 1138.)

SEC. 395. That all dead bodies, or parts thereof, of any foreign game animals, or game or song birds, the importation of which is prohibited, or the dead bodies, or parts thereof, of any wild game animals, or game or song birds transported into any State or Territory, or remaining therein for use, consumption, sale, or storage therein, shall upon arrival in such State or Territory be subject to the operation and effect of the laws of such State or Territory enacted in the exercise of its police powers, to the same extent and in the same manner as though such animals or birds had been produced in such State or Territory, and shall not be exempt therefrom by reason of being introduced therein in original packages or otherwise. This act shall not prevent the importation, transportation, or sale of birds or bird plumage manufactured from the feathers of barnyard fowl. (Act of May 25, 1900, sec. 5—31 Stat. 188.)

[United States Code, title 16, Conservation]

SEC. 701. That the duties and powers of the Department of Agriculture are hereby enlarged so as to include the preservation, distribution, introduction, and restoration of game birds and other wild birds. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to adopt such measures as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act and to purchase such game birds and other wild birds as may be required therefor, subject, however, to the laws of the various States and Territories. The object and purpose of this act is to aid in the restoration of such birds in those parts of the United States adapted thereto where the same have become scarce or extinct, and also to regulate the introduction of American or foreign birds or animals in localities where they have not heretofore existed.

The Secretary of Agriculture shall from time to time collect and publish useful information as to the propagation, uses, and preservation of such birds.

And the Secretary of Agriculture shall make and publish all needful rules and regulations for carrying out the purposes of this act, and shall expend for said purposes such sums as Congress may appropriate therefor. (Act of May 25, 1900, sec. 1—31 Stat. 187.)

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## **LAWS PROTECTING WILD ANIMALS AND BIRDS AND THEIR EGGS AND GOVERNMENT PROPERTY ON FEDERAL REFUGES, AND PROHIBITING ENTRY THEREON**

[United States Code, title 18, Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure]

SEC. 145. Whoever shall hunt, trap, capture, willfully disturb, or kill any bird or wild animal of any kind whatever, or take or destroy the eggs of any such bird on any lands of the United States which have been set apart or reserved as refuges or breeding grounds for such birds or animals by any law, proclamation, or Executive order, except under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture may, from time to time, prescribe, or who shall willfully injure, molest, or destroy any property of the United States on any such lands shall be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned not more than six months, or both. (Act of March 4, 1909, sec. 84, as amended April 15, 1924—43 Stat. 98.)

[United States Code, Supplement IV, title 16, Conservation]

SEC. 715i. That no person shall knowingly disturb, injure, or destroy any notice, signboard, fence, building, ditch, dam, dike embankment, flume, spillway, or other improvement or property of the United States on any area acquired



under this act, or cut, burn, or destroy any timber, grass, or other natural growth, on said area or on any area of the United States which heretofore has been or which hereafter may be set apart or reserved for the use of the Department of Agriculture as a game refuge or as a preserve or reservation and breeding ground for native birds, under any law, proclamation, or Executive order, or occupy or use any part thereof, or enter thereon for any purpose, except in accordance with regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture; nor shall any person take any bird, or nest or egg thereof on any area acquired under this act, except for scientific or propagating purposes under permit of the Secretary of Agriculture; but nothing in this act or in any regulation thereunder shall be construed to prevent a person from entering upon any area acquired under this act for the purpose of fishing in accordance with the law of the State in which such area is located: *Provided*, That such person complies with the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture covering such area. (Act of February 18, 1929, sec. 10—45 Stat. 1222.)

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### HUNTING ON NATIONAL FORESTS

Regulation T-7, effective October 1, 1919, of the Regulations of the Forest Service relative to National Forests, provides as follows:

The following acts are prohibited on lands of the United States within national forests:

The going or being upon any such land, or in or on the waters thereof, with intent to hunt, catch, trap, willfully disturb, or kill any kind of game animal, game or nongame bird, or fish, or to take the eggs of any such bird, in violation of the laws of the State in which such land or waters are situated.

Regulation G-30 authorizes all forest officers to enforce the above regulation and also to cooperate with State or Territorial officials in the enforcement of local laws for the protection of birds, fish, and game.

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### FIRES ON PUBLIC DOMAIN

[United States Code, title 18, Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure]

SEC. 106. Whoever shall willfully set on fire, or cause to be set on fire, any timber, underbrush, or grass upon the public domain, or shall leave or suffer fire to burn unattended near any timber or other inflammable material, shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than two years, or both. (Act of March 4, 1909, sec. 52—35 Stat. 1098.)

SEC. 107. Whoever shall build a fire in or near any forest, timber, or other inflammable material upon the public domain shall, before leaving said fire, totally extinguish the same; and whoever shall fail to do so shall be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. (Act of March 4, 1909, sec. 53—35 Stat. 1098.)

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### EXTRACTS FROM ACTS PASSED BY THE ALASKA TERRITORIAL LEGISLATURE RELATING TO FUR AND GAME

#### WANTON DESTRUCTION AND WASTE OF GAME

[Chap. 62, approved April 29, 1915]

SEC. 1. From and after the passage of this act, any person killing a deer or other wild food animal within the Territory of Alaska, with intent to wantonly destroy said animal and without making every effort to have such animal utilized for food, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding six months.



SEC. 2. Any person who shall have knowledge of any violation of this act and who shall fail to report the same to the authorities shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding three months.

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#### STOCKING PROGRAM AND PROTECTION OF ANIMALS TRANSFERRED

[Chap. 51, approved April 29, 1925, as amended by Chap. 32, approved May 2, 1927, and by Chap 98, approved May 2, 1929]

SEC. 1. There is hereby adopted a program of stocking lands in the Territory of Alaska with valuable game and fur-bearing animals which do not at present occur on such lands, which program shall be divided into the following projects:

1. Roosevelt Elk to Kenai Peninsula, Hinchinbrook and Kruzof Islands, and the Kodiak-Afognak group.

2. Muskrats to Kodiak-Afognak group.

3. Beaver to Baranof and Chichagof Islands.

4. Beaver to Afognak and northeast portion of Kodiak Island.

5. Deer to Kodiak-Afognak Island group.

6. Mink to Kodiak-Afognak Island group.

7. Marten to Prince of Wales Island group, and to Zarembo Island.

8. Marten to Prince William Sound Islands.

9. Beaver to Yakutat Coastal Plain Region, including Lituya Bay.

10. Marten to Afognak and northeast portion of Kodiak Island.

11. Muskrats to portions of Southeastern Alaska and Seward Peninsula.

12. Beaver to Chilkat Valley.

13. Varying Hares to Southeastern Alaska.

14. Moose to Kodiak-Afognak Island group.

15. Beaver to Zarembo Island.

16. Varying Hares to the Kodiak-Afognak Island group.

17. Marten to Baranof and Chichagof Islands.

18. Red Squirrels to Zarembo, Admiralty, Baranof and Chichagof Islands, and to the Prince of Wales Island group, including the Sitka Park.

19. Red Squirrels to Afognak and northeast portion of Kodiak Islands.

20. Varying Hares to Prince William Sound Islands.

21. Mountain Goats to Prince William Sound Islands.

22. Mountain Goats to Southeastern Alaska Islands.

23. Elk and Deer from Interior North America to the Tanana Valley.

24. Mountain Sheep to Seward Peninsula.

25. Buffalo to Interior Alaska.

26. Marriot to Prince of Wales Island.

27. Beaver to upper Tanana Valley.

28. Siberian Blue Squirrel to Seward Peninsula.

29. Aleutian Islands. Reindeer to Unalaska Island.

30. Blue Grouse to Prince of Wales Island.

SEC. 4. The game and fur-bearing animals introduced and liberated under the provisions of this act shall be the property of the Territory of Alaska and it shall be unlawful for any person to take or to attempt to take, capture, kill, possess, or transport the same or their offspring at any time within five years after the passage and approval of this act. And any person violating any of the provisions hereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, nor more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

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#### BOUNTY ON WOLVES AND COYOTES

[Chap. 117, approved May 2, 1929]

SEC. 1. There is hereby placed upon every wild lobo or timber wolf within the Territory a bounty of ten dollars and upon every wild coyote or prairie wolf a bounty of five dollars, said sums to be paid in accordance with the provisions of this act.



SEC. 2. To obtain such bounties any person killing a wolf or coyote within the Territory shall, as soon as reasonably possible, exhibit the pelts of such animals to any United States commissioner, or to any notary public for that purpose delegated by the governor as provided in section 4 of this act, together with an affidavit in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Territory of Alaska, ss:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Alaska, hereby do solemnly swear that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, I took the wolf or coyote pelt or pelts herewith exhibited in the vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Territory of Alaska, that no poison nor other means that might cause the wanton destruction of any fur-bearing animals was used in securing the said pelt or pelts or either of them; that I am justly entitled to the bounty of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars pursuant to the laws of Alaska.

That the United States commissioner, or notary public aforesaid, shall append to such affidavit a certificate substantially as follows:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a United States commissioner in the Territory of Alaska (or a notary public thereunto specially delegated), residing at \_\_\_\_\_ Alaska, certify that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, Alaska, personally appeared before me the above named \_\_\_\_\_ who signed and swore to the foregoing affidavit before me and in my presence, and exhibited to me the wolf or coyote pelt or pelts therein referred to, that the same retained the ulna and radius which I detached from such pelts, that such pelts contained no perforation of the left ear, nor any other mark indicating that any bounty had been collected thereon in any other jurisdiction, and I believe the said \_\_\_\_\_ is justly entitled to the bounty of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for the pelts referred to in the foregoing affidavit.

[SEAL.]

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(Title of officer)

SEC. 3. In the presence of the officer administering the oath and signing the foregoing certificate the person making the above affidavit shall enclose the same in an envelope, and together with the ulna and radius of the left forearm of said pelts, mail them to the Treasurer of Alaska, at Juneau, Alaska. Upon receipt of such affidavit duly signed and accompanied by the ulna and radius aforesaid, the treasurer shall forward the amount to the person killing such animals, and shall then destroy the said bones.

Before the foregoing certificate is executed the officer administering the oath and signing said certificate shall punch a round hole one-half inch in diameter through the left ear of each pelt on which the bounty is claimed.

SEC. 4. In communities where there is no United States commissioner and where wolves or coyotes are likely to be killed, the governor shall have authority to delegate some notary public to administer the oath and execute the certificate above referred to and otherwise discharge the functions provided by sections 2 and 3 of this act.

SEC. 5. Any person making a false affidavit for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining any money from the treasurer of the Territory of Alaska, under the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be punished as otherwise by law provided for the punishment of perjury.

Any United States commissioner or notary public who shall execute a certificate in substance as above provided knowing that the affiant is not entitled to the bounty he claims, or that the pelts were not in a condition which the certificate states, or who shall deliver such certificate to affiant without complying with the provisions of the law with reference to removal of ulna and radius and punching the left ear, shall be guilty of a felony and punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than two years or by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 6. Chapter 63 of the Laws of 1917 is hereby repealed, and no bounty shall be paid upon claims presented to a commissioner and mailed to the Territorial treasurer after July 1st, 1929, pursuant to said act.

SEC. 7. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval.



## BLUE-FOX MARKING

[Chap. 67, approved May 1, 1923, as amended by Chap. 113, approved May 2, 1929]

SEC. 1. Every person engaged in the business of breeding blue foxes in Alaska shall be the owner of a duly registered brand or mark of identification for marking blue foxes and skins of blue foxes as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. Every breeder of blue foxes shall, before disposing of any blue fox skins and before the same are removed from the breeding ground or fox farm, mark such skins on the inside of back at base of tail with a perforating reproduction of his brand which shall be readily visible.

SEC. 5. All unmanufactured blue fox skins legally held in Alaska prior to the passage of this act shall, before October 1, 1923, be exhibited to the United States commissioner in the precinct in which such skins are held, together with an affidavit showing where such skins were raised or from whom and at what time the owner obtained the same, and such other facts as will show the possessor's legal ownership of said skins. Such skins shall then be tagged for identification by the commissioner in such manner and pursuant to such rules as shall be provided by the secretary of the Territory. The commissioner shall file such affidavits and keep in his office such records of such skins and their owners.

Unmanufactured blue fox skins hereafter legally imported or brought into the Territory shall, at the time of entering the Territory, be presented to the United States commissioner of that precinct, and shall be tagged in like manner to those legally held prior to the passage of this act. Any unmanufactured blue fox skins hereafter legally acquired in the Territory, other than skins raised on farms having a registered brand and branded with such brand as heretofore provided, shall likewise, on the first occasion when such skins are brought to a place where a United States commissioner resides or has his office, be presented to such United States commissioner with an affidavit showing the facts proving legal possession, and shall be tagged in like manner. For such services the commissioner shall receive a fee of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) for each skin, which fee shall be paid by the owner of the skins.

No person, except a fur farmer on his own fur farm, shall possess any blue fox skin not branded, marked or tagged as herein provided; nor shall any person buy, sell, offer to buy or sell, give, receive or transport any blue fox skin not so branded or tagged as provided in sections 4 and 5 of this act: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall prevent the legal taking of wild foxes, and the possession, barter, sale or transportation thereof untagged if such possession be had or barter, sale or transportation be made before said skins be brought to any place where a United States commissioner resides or has an office; but the burden of proving such legal taking and possession, barter, sale and transportation shall rest upon him who asserts the same.

SEC. 6. Subsequent to the first day of October, 1923, every blue fox skin not marked in the manner directed in sections 4 and 5 of this act and not in possession of a fox farmer on his own fox farm shall be presumed, prima facie, to have been unlawfully obtained and to be unlawfully possessed, bought, sold, given, received or transported as the case may be.

SEC. 7. No holder of a registered brand shall therewith mark any skin or animal other than the animals or skins raised by him nor shall any person mark or brand any skin or pelt, or animal, so as to resemble, imitate or counterfeit any registered brand or the system adopted in the Territory for branding such animals or skins.

It shall be unlawful for any person not the registered owner thereof to have in his possession and under his control any implement for marking skins or live animals with any registered brand mark, or for any person to have in his possession any implement for marking skins or live animals with any brand mark resembling or imitating a registered brand mark or the system adopted in the Territory for branding animals or skins.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment in discretion of the court.

SEC. 8. Any person who shall alter, add to, or efface any mark of identification upon any animals or upon the pelt or skin of any animal for the purpose of concealing the identity of the owner of such animal, pelt or skin, or for the purpose of otherwise deceiving or defrauding, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand



(\$2,000.00) dollars or by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 11. All persons dealing in, possessing or transporting fur pelts in Alaska, at any time during usual business hours, shall afford any marshal or deputy marshal, Federal or Territorial game or fur warden full and fair opportunity to inspect any and all pelts, furs and skins in their possession, and any person failing or refusing to do so, after demand, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 12. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than an officer on lawful business, to land or enter upon any island lawfully used for fur farming without the permission of the lawful occupant or the person using said island as a fur farm. When such landing or entrance is made at any other place than within sight of said fur farmer's dwelling house and at a place established by him for landing purposes, such landing or entrance shall be presumed to be without the permission required by this section. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting any rights specifically reserved in the lease, contract, or permit under which any fur farm or island is occupied, nor any right conferred by Federal law or regulation: *Provided, further,* That a landing made on any island by stress of circumstances, storm or accident shall not be deemed unlawful.

Every person occupying an island or land for the purpose of propagating blue foxes shall within three months after the passage of this act place signs within sight of each other, bearing the words in black letters at least six inches high, on white background: "Fox Farm—No Trespassing" in conspicuous places upon said island or land.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars or by an imprisonment in jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 13. Any person other than the fur farmer himself or his duly authorized agent, who shall take or attempt to take, capture, or kill any animals of any kind on any fur farm, or who shall set any trap on such fur farm, or place poison thereon, or who shall fire or discharge any gun thereon, or shall shoot at any birds or animals upon such farm, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, or imprisonment in jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 14. All traps, guns, boats, or other paraphernalia used in or in aid of a violation of this act shall be forfeited to the Territory of Alaska, and shall be liable to seizure by any Federal or Territorial game or fur warden, or any marshal or deputy marshal, and when so seized shall be delivered into the possession of the treasurer of the Territory or to someone designated by said treasurer to act for him in the matter, and shall by the treasurer or under his direction be sold at public auction and the proceeds covered into the treasury of the Territory after all expenses of seizure and sale have been paid.

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section, the treasurer is authorized to execute all instruments and conveyances necessary for the purpose of conveying title to such property so seized and sold.

SEC. 15. Any person who shall, in violation of the provisions of this act, have in his possession, buy, sell, offer to buy or sell, give, receive, or transport any blue fox pelt not marked or branded as herein provided shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The pelts of blue fox unlawfully possessed, held or transported by any person in violation of the provisions of this act shall be the property of the Territory of Alaska and may be seized by any officer of the United States or of the Territory, and delivered to the treasurer of the Territory for disposal as provided in section 14.

That whenever property is confiscated under the provisions of this act, any interested person disputing or denying the legality of such confiscation may



institute proceedings in repelvin against the officer in possession of such confiscated property in any district court in the Territory of Alaska within sixty days after such confiscation, and if he fails to do so he shall be precluded from afterwards claiming or asserting that the confiscation was unlawful.

SEC. 16. Definitions:

The word "person" as used in this act shall apply to individuals, firms, corporations, and associations.

"Unmanufactured fur" shall mean a raw fur in the common usage of the term; one which has not been tanned, or otherwise treated, lined or changed from the usual condition in which furs are obtained from trappers.



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## ALASKA GAME COMMISSION JUNEAU, ALASKA Fur District Boundaries - - - Effective July 1, 1931

Fur District 1.—All of southeastern Alaska from Dixon Entrance to Cape Fairweather and along longitude 138° to the international boundary.

Fur District 2.—That portion of southern Alaska draining to the Gulf of Alaska and Cook Inlet, beginning with the western boundary of Fur District 1 and following longitude 138° from Cape Fairweather to the international boundary and along this boundary to Mount St. Elias; thence following the summit of the Chugach Range to the head of Miles Glacier; thence down the center line of said glacier to the center of the Copper River at Mile 49; thence up the center line of Chitina Glacier to its summit; thence along the divide through Marshall Pass and Thompson Pass; thence along the divide to Tahnetta Pass; thence along the divide separating the waters of the Matanuska River from the Nelchina River and the Talkeetna River from the Oshetna River; thence along the divide separating the waters of the Oshetna River from Kosina Creek to and across the Susitna River at a point 4 miles northwest of the mouth of Goose Creek; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing northwest into the Susitna River from those flowing southerly into the Susitna River; thence following said divide separating the waters flowing north into the Nenana River from those flowing southerly into the Susitna and Chulitna Rivers and across Broad Pass and the Alaska Railroad at Mile 308; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing south into the Chulitna River from those flowing north into Cantwell Creek and the Nenana River to the summit of the Alaska Range; thence along said summit through Rainy Pass to Merrill Pass; thence along the summit of the Chignik Mountains, separating the waters flowing easterly into Cook Inlet from those flowing westerly into the Kuskokwim River and Bristol Bay, to its intersection with the old portage from Kamishak Bay to Kakhonak Bay on Iliamna Lake; thence along said portage to Kamishak Bay.

Fur District 3.—Consisting of the Aleutian Islands, Unimak Island, Amak Island, all the islands lying south of the Alaska Peninsula, the Kodiak Afognak Islands group, the Barren Islands, Augustine Island, and the Alaska Peninsula from False Pass to the mouth of Raindeer Creek, thence following said creek and a line to the center of Aniakchak Crater, including that portion of said peninsula consisting of the drainage to the Pacific Ocean south of a line following the divide from the center of Aniakchak Crater to the old portage from Kamishak Bay to Kakhonak Bay; thence along said portage on the boundary of Fur District 2 to Kamishak Bay.

Fur District 4.—All the drainage to Bristol Bay, bounded on the south by the northern boundary of Fur District 3, on the east by the western boundary of Fur District 2, and on the north by a line beginning at Cape Newenham and extending along the summit of the divide separating the waters flowing northerly into Kuskokwim Bay and Kuskokwim River from those flowing southerly into Bristol Bay, to its intersection with the western boundary of Fur District 2 at a point approximately 22 miles south of Merrill Pass.

Fur District 5.—That portion of western Alaska draining to Kuskokwim Bay, Bering Sea, Norton Sound, and Kotzebue Sound, bounded on the east by a line beginning at Cape Newenham and extending along the divide separating the waters flowing into Kuskokwim Bay and Kuskokwim River from those flowing into Bristol Bay and the Tikhik Lakes; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing into the Tulukak River and Whitefish Lake from those flowing into the Aniak River and Swift Creek; thence to a point on the Kuskokwim River opposite the mouth of the first stream on the north bank above Ohagamut;

thence across the Kuskokwim River and following the center of said first north-bank stream above Ohagamut to its head; thence along the divide separating the waters of Fairmute Portage flowing into Big Lake from those flowing into the Yukon River; thence to a point on the Yukon River 15 miles below Fairmute Village; thence following down the south bank of the Yukon River to a point 5 miles below Dogfish Village; thence across the Yukon River to Mount Chinitlik; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing into the Stuyahok River from those flowing into the Kuyukutuk River; thence continuing along said divide separating the waters flowing easterly into the Yukon River from those flowing westerly into Norton Sound; thence continuing along said divide separating the waters flowing into the Koyukuk River from those flowing into Kotzebue Sound to the summit of the divide separating those flowing into the Colville River from those flowing into the Nostak River; thence westerly along the divide separating the waters flowing north into the Arctic Ocean from those flowing south into the Nostak and Kulkuk Rivers to the coast at Cape Lisburne.

Fur District 6.—All of the watershed of the Tanana River, the upper Copper River, part of the lower Yukon River and the upper Kuskokwim River, bounded on the north by the international boundary, on the south by the northern boundaries of Fur Districts 2 and 4, and on the west by the eastern boundary of Fur District 5, and on the north by a line beginning at International Boundary Monument No. 146 and following the divide separating the waters of the north fork of the Ladue River from those of the Ladue River; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing northerly into the Yukon River from those flowing southerly into the Tanana River, through Fair Mountain, Twelve Mile Summit, and Wickersham Dome; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing easterly into Beaver Creek from those flowing westerly into Hess Creek; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing southwesterly into Hess Creek from those flowing northerly into the Yukon River; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing southerly into Waldron Creek from those flowing northerly into the Yukon River, to the site of old Fort Hamlin; thence across the Yukon River to the divide separating the waters flowing northerly into the Dall River from those flowing southerly into the Ray River; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing northerly into the Kanuti River from those flowing southerly into the Yukon River; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing westerly into the Koyukuk River from those flowing southerly into the Melonias River; thence along the divide separating those waters flowing into the Koyukuk River above the upper end of Treat Island from those entering below said point, to the Koyukuk River; thence across the Koyukuk River at the upper end of Treat Island and northwesterly along the divide separating the waters flowing easterly into the Hogata River and Koyukuk River from those flowing southerly into the Koyukuk River, to Cone Mountain; thence along the divide separating the waters flowing easterly into the Hogata River from those flowing westerly into the Dakli River to the intersection with the eastern boundary of Fur District 5.

Fur District 7.—All the drainage to the upper Koyukuk and upper Yukon Rivers bounded on the east by the international boundary, on the north by the summit of the Brooks Range, on the west by the eastern boundary of Fur District 5, and on the south by the northern boundary of Fur District 6.

Fur District 8.—The Arctic coast of Alaska consisting of all the drainage to the Arctic Ocean north of the northern boundaries of Fur Districts 5 and 7.

For Additional Information, See Current Game Law Circular















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AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS RESPECTING GAME ANI-  
MALS, LAND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS, GAME BIRDS,  
NONGAME BIRDS, AND NESTS AND EGGS OF BIRDS IN  
ALASKA, APPROVED MARCH 7, 1931, EFFECTIVE JULY  
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Pursuant to the authority and direction contained in section 10 of the Alaska game law of January 13, 1925 (43 Stat. 739; U. S. C., title 48, sec. 198), as amended by act of February 14, 1931 (46 Stat. 1111), upon consultation with and/or recommendation from the Alaska Game Commission, and having determined when, to what extent, and by what means game animals, land fur-bearing animals, game birds, nongame birds, and nests and eggs of birds may be taken, possessed, transported, bought, or sold in Alaska, I, R. W. Dunlap, Acting Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby adopt the following amendment to the regulations respecting game animals, land fur-bearing animals, game birds, nongame birds, and nests and eggs of birds in Alaska, to be numbered regulation 19a:

Regulation 19a.—Open and Close Seasons on Beaver, Marten, and Other  
Fur Bearers

*Except in areas enumerated and defined as closed to trapping under regulation 14 of said regulations, a person may take the land fur-bearing animals hereinafter enumerated in fur district 2 during the season specified, and not to exceed the numbers of beavers and/or martens set forth for the specified districts, during the open seasons provided therefor: Provided, That beavers may be taken only in the manner specified:*

Fur district 1:

*Beaver* (see exception).—December 16 to January 15. Bag limit, 10.

*Exception:* No open season on Chichagof and Baranof Islands.

*Marten.*—December 16 to January 15. Bag limit, 10.

Fur district 2:

*Beaver* (see exception).—January 1 to February 29. Bag limit, 15.

*Exception:* No open season on Kenai Peninsula south of a line following the north bank of Portage Creek to its head, thence easterly to the head of Portage Canal.

*Mink, land otter, weasel* (ermine), *fox* (red, cross, silver, white, and blue<sup>1</sup>), and *lynx*.—December 1 to February 29.

<sup>1</sup> Territorial law prescribes that blue foxes legally taken shall be presented to a United States commissioner for tagging. (See Alaska Game Commission Circular 8, p. 32, sec. 3, ch. 67, act of May 1, 1923, as amended by ch. 113, act of May 2, 1929.)



## Fur district 4:

*Beaver*.—January 1 to March 31. Bag limit, 15.

## Fur district 5:

*Beaver*.—January 1 to March 31. Bag limit, 15.

## Fur district 6:

*Beaver*.—January 1 to March 31. Bag limit, 15.

## Fur district 7:

*Beaver* (see exception).—January 1 to March 31. Bag limit, 10.

*Exception*: No open season in the drainage to the Chandalar River.

*Marten*.—November 6 to February 20. Bag limit, 10.

Beavers may be taken only by the use of steel traps, but such traps shall not be placed within 25 feet of any beaver house or den. No beaver may be taken by or with the aid of a rifle, shotgun, or other firearm. No house, den, or dam of a beaver shall be injured or destroyed.

Skins of beavers or martens shall be presented for sealing or tagging by the person taking such skins and be sealed with a seal prescribed by the commission within 90 days (excepting in fur district 1, where the period for such sealing shall be 30 days) after the close of the open season during which they were legally taken.

Persons desiring to have such skins sealed shall present them to a member of the commission, to a game warden, or to any other officer authorized by the commission to seal skins, together with an affidavit of lawful taking completed on a form adopted and furnished by the commission and such other affidavit or affidavits as may be required by any officer authorized to seal such skins: *Provided*, That persons residing in remote localities and finding it impracticable to present such skins to an officer authorized to seal them as hereinbefore prescribed, may present such skins, together with affidavit of lawful taking completed on a form adopted and furnished by the commission as hereinbefore prescribed, to any individual authorized by the commission to attach thereto a tag bearing an authorization permitting such skins, if legally taken, to be sold and transported within the Territory; and such skins so tagged shall be presented by a lawful possessor to a warden or member of the commission, or to any other person authorized by the commission to seal skins, for sealing within 90 days (except in fur district 1 where the period for such sealing shall be 30 days) after the close of the open season during which they were taken: *Provided*, That the commission or any warden may require further affidavit or affidavits of the person taking the skins at any time before they are accepted and sealed as legal skins. Skins of beavers or martens, unless sealed as prescribed by this regulation may not be possessed or transported by any person after the expiration of the time within which they are required by this regulation to be sealed.

A person having legally taken the skins of beavers or martens during the open seasons provided in this regulation may not sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of such skins until they have been sealed or tagged as hereinbefore provided.

Skins of beavers or martens shipped or transported out of the Territory in any manner shall be reported to the Alaska Game Commission, Juneau, Alaska, as required by regulation 4 of said regulations, and any packages containing such skins shall be marked as required by regulation 5 of said regulations.

This amendment shall become effective on and after 90 days after publication hereof.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the United States Department of Agriculture to be affixed in the city of Washington this 16th day of September, 1931.

R. W. DUNLAP,  
*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*









